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Men live in deeds not words. The deed may be
In words and yet 'tis by the deed he lives.
Behind all deeds are thoughts. For most of men
Their thoughts are only thoughts and being such
They do not live. Those men alone do live
Who having thought make manifest their thoughts,
In outward form. Time goes with thought and deed.
Whose thoughts are brief, he buildeth for an hour.
But he who buildeth for Eternity
In patience thinketh long. But time is naught
Save purpose run with thought till in the deed
The thought have taken shape and so stand forth
Before the eyes of men. And then—and then
Both thought and purpose, crystallized in deed,
May be as clear as noon or, like the sphinx
On Egypt's sands, the riddle of the ages.
Thought—purpose—deed—so they have lofty aim—
Have never failed to win the world's acclaim;
He liveth best who does the best he can
In thought and deed to bless his fellow man.

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PREFACE.

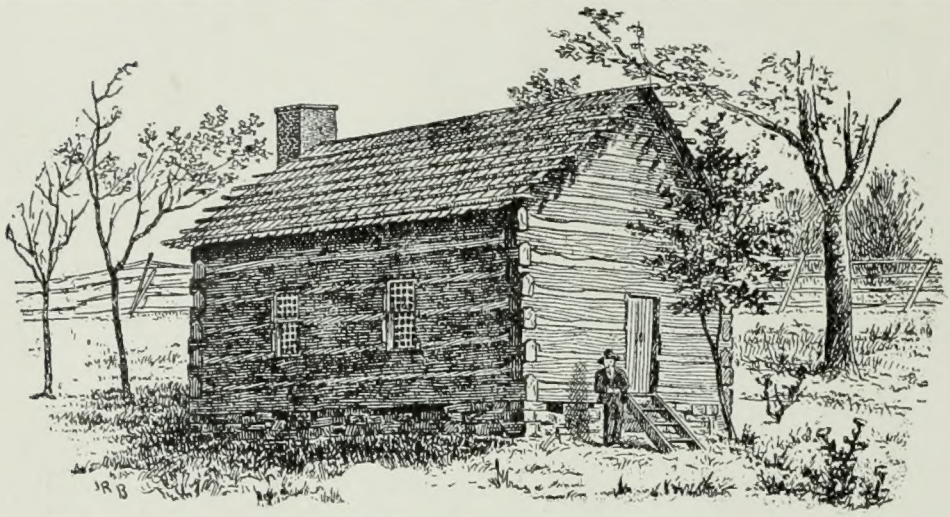
About twenty years ago Rev. John M. O'Bryen and Rev. Thos. H. Swearingen requested the writer to become Conference Historian of the Missouri Annual Conference. This place was accepted and election followed. In the course of a year a number of biographical sketches were collected, but no general systematic work was undertaken till two years ago at the session of the Missouri Conference held at Palmyra. The Semi-Centennial of Central College was at hand, and it was thought to be an opportune time to publish a volume of sketches of the preachers. The Missouri Conference took action accordingly. When the plan began to mature, Bishop Hendrix suggested that the St. Louis Conference and the Southwest Missouri Conference should be included. The year 1906 being the Centennial Year of Itinerant Methodism in Missouri, it was finally decided to enlarge our scope, and make the book The Centennial Volume of Missouri Methodism. In accordance with this plan the Southwest Missouri Conference took favorable action at Joplin, and the St. Louis Conference concurred with the action of the Missouri Conference at the session held at Poplar Bluff. Thus the Methodism of Missouri undertook the work.

It is needless to say that the enterprise involved a large outlay of labor and means. All the labor involved has been a pleasure, and many times my heart has been brought to tenderness and my eyes to tears as I have read the story of sacrifice and service made by heroic Methodist preachers and laymen in Missouri. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Missouri, is endowed with a noble past, and a virile present. Our wealth in Literary production is far beyond my first thought. Ability, learning and genius have marked and crowned the Century. I have been profoundly impressed with the truth that Divine Providence has favored Southern Methodism in the Commonwealth of Missouri. I have also been deeply impressed with the brevity of our life. We labor today and tomorrow we are in Eternity. During the Century, great and good men have labored among us, and, as a leaf, faded away. Likewise issues of the greatest moment at the time are buried with the years gone by. The silence of death reigns over the past. Let the Mantle of Charity fall upon the living and the departed. Vast eternity is before us.

My debt of gratitude is due to Rev. Ward M. Baker who has had charge of the portrait department. He belongs to a family of artists, and he has done remarkably well in his department. His thanks are extended to the brethren for their kindly co-operation. My obligations are also acknowledged to Miss Kate Calnen, stenographer for the law firm of Lavelock & Kirkpatrick, Richmond, Mo. She has written copy for the printer, and all concerned are proud of her work. The brethren of the three Conferences have brought me under obligation to them for their many kindnesses and for their hearty co-operation. Their names are graven on the tablet of my memory. It is said of Charles Dickens that he was sorry to part company with the creations of his fancy, and I confess to a like feeling after the fellowship of two years with the brethren of Missouri.

MARCUS L. GRAY.

Richmond, Mo., June 14th, 1907.



McKENDREE CHAPEL.

REV. JOHN TRAVIS,

The first Itinerant Methodist Preacher in Missouri.

The eye of Faith detects His prevision, provision, presidence, all
Along the line of the march of the Ages.—*Dr. Arthur T. Pierson.*

By Rev. W. S. Woodard.

About the middle of the Eighteenth century, Francis Travis came from Ireland to America and married in Pennsylvania. They were Presbyterians. He and his wife made their home in Chester District, South Carolina, where three sons and three daughters were born unto them. On the 3rd of November, 1773, a son was born whom they christened John, whose father died before he could remember him. Hence he was reared by a widowed mother. In early life he went to Kentucky where he was converted and joined the Methodist Church. In 1806, in his thirty-third year, he was received on trial by the Western Conference, which at that time embraced all of America west of the Alleghany Mountains, and was sent to Missouri Circuit. He was distinguished by being the first Methodist preacher who was ever sent west of the Mississippi river to lead men to God. Arthur, his older brother, was a Methodist exhorter, and Francis, his younger brother, was also a preacher and joined the Western Conference in 1810, traveled awhile, married, located and lived on a farm adjoining that of his brother John. One of his sons was a physician, one a preacher, one a farmer, and the other, occupation not known. His circuit in Missouri included St. Charles, St. Louis, Franklin, Washington, Jefferson, St. Genevieve and St. Francois Counties. His subsequent fields of labor were in Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee, in all of which he had great success. After traveling eight years he located, married Miss Cynthia Traylor of Kentucky, and settled on a farm in Livingston, now Crittendon County, Kentucky, where he lived till November 11th, 1852, when he went to his home in Heaven, aged seventy-nine years, forty-six of which he was a preacher. After he located he studied medicine, which he practiced till he went blind, fourteen years before he died. Although blind, he still preached as long as he was physically able to do so. He was the popular preacher of the country and always in demand for great occasions. Rev. G. W. Hughey, D.D., furnished me a sketch of Dr. Travis for our Centennial service, from which I take the following: "I was born and reared in two miles of Dr. John Travis' home. He was the first Methodist preacher I ever saw or heard preach. He and his son were our family physicians in my childhood and youth. I was intimately acquainted with him. He was my first teacher in Methodist Theology. He was a remarkable man. He was endowed with large natural ability. His quick perception, and analytical turn of mind enabled him to seize a question and analyze it with great rapidity. He was the readiest man at reply I ever knew. This gave him tremendous power in debate, a very important qualification for a Methodist preacher of his day. In my youth I have sat for hours and heard him tell marvelous stories of the early preachers. Had he remained in the itineracy, he would have been a leading preacher of the pioneer church."

A HUNDRED YEARS OF METHODISM IN MISSOURI.

BISHOP E. R. HENDRIX.

Just a century ago Nashville, Tenn., and St. Louis, Mo., were in the same district and William McKendree was presiding elder. It was the Cumberland District in the Western Conference. The Western Conference embraced what are now the states of Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, to say nothing of Arkansas and Missouri, which were taken in that year. There were in it five districts, some embracing more than one state. Strong men belonged to the Western Conference, which never had a western boundary except the Day of Judgment. The General Conference was content with simply naming the eastern, southern and northern boundaries, so as not to interfere with other conference lines, and gave the Western Conference all west to the setting sun and everything beyond it, if the itinerant wanted to go there. The Western Conference was a name never absent from the annals of Methodism for a long period at a time, and even when it disappeared at the last session of our General Conference the name still survived by request in the "Western District." Among the honored names on the roll in 1806, when John Travis was appointed to the Missouri Circuit, were those of William McKendree, James Axley, Jesse Walker, Peter Cartwright and Learner Blackman.

After a year's work in the Territory of Missouri, so recently acquired as part of the famous Louisiana Purchase, John Travis reported in the fall of 1807 at the Western Conference, which met at Chillicothe, Ohio, that he had organized two circuits, one north of the Missouri river, which he called the Missouri Circuit, and one south, that he called the Meramec Circuit, and that, together, they numbered one hundred and six members. Travis ever had a warm place in his heart for this, his first work, for he had just been admitted on trial when appointed to it. He returned from his remote appointment in the Mississippi District the next year to attend a camp meeting near St. Louis, in company with William McKendree and Jesse Walker, who walked forty-five miles to reach here. That was a notable company of preachers at the first camp meeting held in Missouri, and where they witnessed forty conversions. McKendree had been an officer in the Revolutionary War and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis, and as the first native-born American bishop, was to become its Chief Justice Marshall as well, the expounder of its constitution. Jesse Walker, who succeeded Travis as preacher in charge of the Missouri Circuit, was the Daniel Boone of Methodism, of whom it was said, "He was never lost and never complained," delighting to go where no white man had gone before him, a hero who, in the midst of the dense Romanist conditions of the Spanish and French population, was to pray St. Louis Methodism into existence nearly fourteen years after Travis began his work in the country. It was the privilege of Jesse Walker also to plant Methodism in Chicago. John Travis was a fearless man of vigorous mind who, after nine years of itinerant service, married and located, practicing medicine in Kentucky until some fourteen years before his death, when he became totally blind, still doing service as a local preacher and thrilling all in public and private with the story of his itinerant life.

Not until 1814 was the "Missouri District" formed, with 804 members, and two years later the General Conference in Baltimore created the "Missouri Conference," bounded on the north by the Ohio Conference, on the east by the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, on the south by the Arkansas river, and on the west by nothing. In 1819 the first substantial and finished Methodist church ever erected in Missouri was built in Cape Girardeau county, two miles from Jackson; and here was held the first session of the Missouri Conference that was ever held within the present limits of the state, Bishop George presiding, it having fallen to the lot of Bishop McKendree to hold the first session after its organization, some three years before, when it met in Illinois. Not less than four sessions of the conference were held in this historic church during the next ten or twelve years. From the wood of this "mother church of Methodism in Missouri," a gavel was made, which was presented to the resident bishop in Missouri while in the chair of the General Conference recently held in Birmingham.

When Missouri was admitted as a state in 1821 it had a population of 66,518, of whom 10,222 were slaves. The Methodists numbered 1,543. It was not until 1836 that the Missouri Conference was confined to the limits of the state. The first General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, divided the state into two conferences, so that the name "Missouri Conference" was given to all that part of the state north of the Missouri river, as today. In the Methodist family there are now nearly 200,000 Missouri Methodists.

When Jesse Walker determined to plant Methodism in St. Louis so formidable were the obstacles of a foreign and infidel population that, unable to get a start, he was deserted by the two brethren who accompanied him, and he himself left to look up the lost sheep in Mississippi. After riding eighteen miles in that direction,, he indulged in this soliloquy: "Was I ever defeated before in this blessed work? No; and, by the grace of God, I will go back and take St. Louis." Starting a school for their children, Walker got the eye and ear of the people and, amid indifference and opposition, he began his work as a preacher, having won another great victory over himself by a season of prayer in a "sink hole" grown up with tall Jamestown weeds, near the corner of Fourth and Pine streets, where the Planters' Hotel stands. Beginning with only six or eight hearers, he was able to report seventy members, the erection of a church during the year, and a successful camp meeting near the city, where William Finney and Mrs. Kells joined the church, to be followed by others of a notable family of

loyal Methodists whose names have been perpetuated in the annals of Methodism in Missouri. St. Louis in that year—1821—had two church edifices, one of brick and one of wood, with some 651 houses, mostly of wood, and a population of 5,500. In the next year Jesse Walker had the joy of seeing the first session of the Missouri Conference ever held in St. Louis assemble in the church which he had built.

Shortly before Jesse Walker came to St. Louis, Bishop William Louis Dubourg, one of the greatest prelates of the Roman Catholic Church, removed his seat from New Orleans to St. Louis, and planted there what has since been known as the St. Louis University, one of the great strongholds of his church, which has grown with the growth of the city, largely from the increase in property values and zealous administration, part of the triple monument of a great servant of his church, who also founded the order of the Sisters of Charity of America and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, with its headquarters in Lyons, France, and who died one of the archbishops of his church in France, the land of his birth. His name is worthy of mention here because of his ecclesiastical statemanship and his wise and far-reaching policy for securely planting his church in the largest city of the Louisiana Purchase and in a great future commonwealth of the American Union.

One of the principal agents in the planting of Methodism in Missouri, William McKendree, in whose district the whole territory of Missouri was placed at the session of the Western Conference, in 1806, lived to preside over some four sessions of the Missouri Conference, the last as late as 1824, eight years after the death of Asbury. Bishop Asbury, with a rare sagacity in selecting leaders, had sent McKendree in 1801 across the mountains from his native Virginia to be presiding elder of the Kentucky District and to have a sort of general superintendence of the large Western Conference. Always in the van and on the firing line, McKendree was chosen again by Asbury, in 1806, to preside over the new district, which was to embrace all the inhabited part of the Louisiana Purchase, it being attached to the Cumberland District, which included much of Middle Tennessee and some of Illinois. McKendree was a man of genius, to whom the conquest of the Mississippi Valley for Christ is largely due, and the numerous "McKendree" churches and chapels, reaching from Missouri to the Atlantic seaboard, are the monuments of his labors in many states that were only territories in his day.

But what shall we say of Francis Asbury, who, like Moses, looked over into the Promised Land, so recently acquired from France and Spain, but himself never entered it. His heart was ever with his "beloved McKendree" as he fondly called him. At the session of the Western Conference, where he presided in 1806, and appointed the first preacher to the Missouri Circuit," his journal records his zeal for the frontier work in these simple words: "The brethren were in want, so I parted with my watch, my coat, and my shirt." We naturally ask what did he have left out of his $64 a year salary. Who can question that his heart went with his gift? "Silver and gold I have none," well might this apostle say, "but such as I have give I unto thee." We claim Asbury, too, as among the founders of Methodism on this side of the Mississippi. "In diligent activity no apostle, no missionary, no warrior, ever surpassed him. He rivalled Melancthon and Luther in boldness. He combined the enthusiasm of Xavier, with the far-reaching foresight and keen discrimination of Wesley." His mantle fell upon McKendree, who survived him nearly twenty years, but their names are inseparable, as was their work. "My fathers, my fathers, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof!"

Honored names are they of ministers and laymen who, during the past hundred years, have been connected with Methodism in Missouri. Some have become bishops of the church and educators and editors, and some have been Governors and United States Senators and members of Congress. Others without public office have been the foremost citizens of their counties, always interested in every good word and work. Large gifts have come to our Methodism from those not of our communion in the belief that we would wisely administer them. The largest is a bequest by the late Robert A. Barnes of St. Louis, who married Miss Louise De Mun, a daughter of a leading Roman Catholic family, who was in hearty sympathy with him in his purpose to found a great hospital under Methodist auspices. For this there has already been purchased the finest site in St. Louis, having a frontage of some 1,200 feet on Forest Park, and it is the intention of the trustees to retain not less than 1,000,000 of the bequest as an endowment after completing and equipping the best hospital of its kind in the land.

Not until after Methodism had been doing evangelistic work in Missouri for fully fifty years did it undertake to found a college of highest grade. Had our fathers known how greatly this child of their prayers and sacrifices would be imperiled by the Civil War they might have hesitated to begin the work when they did. It has come to us as a sacred heritage from their hands. It is an interesting fact that while this article is being read a great educational convention is being held in St. Louis, under the auspices of the General Board of Education of our church, that may help to deepen the interest in Christian education, not alone in Missouri, but in those states that sent us Travis and Walker and McKendree a hundred years ago.

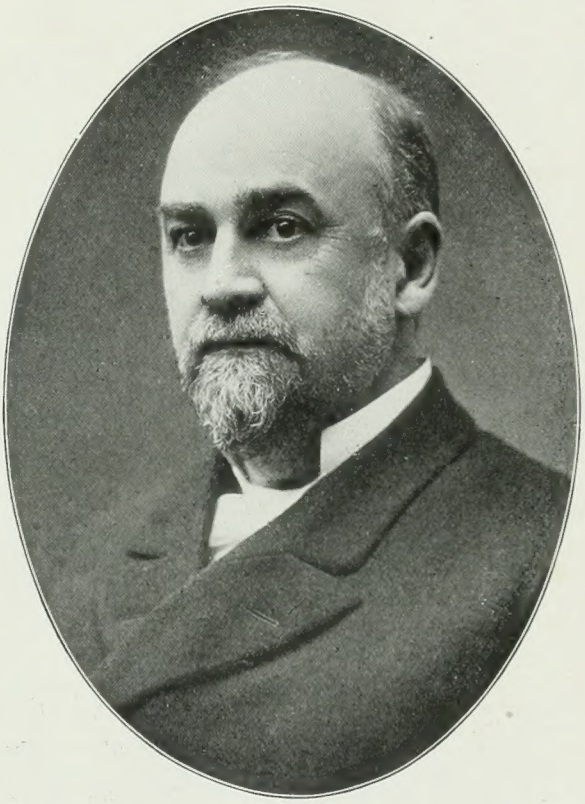
It is an interesting fact that the Centennial of Methodism in Missouri and the Semi-Centennial of Central College are co-incident. It was this fact that led to the projection of this volume on its present scale that it might contain fitting memorials of the leading actors of a century of Methodism in Missouri in whatever department of work for the Master, Much credit is due to the tireless and self-sacrificing servants of the Church, Rev. M. L. Gray and Rev. Ward M. Baker, who have made possible this beautiful memorial volume.

Norledge Place, Kansas City, Mo.

BISHOP EUGENE RUSSELL HENDRIX, D.D. LL.D.

Nil actum reputans si quid superesset agendum.—*Lucan.*

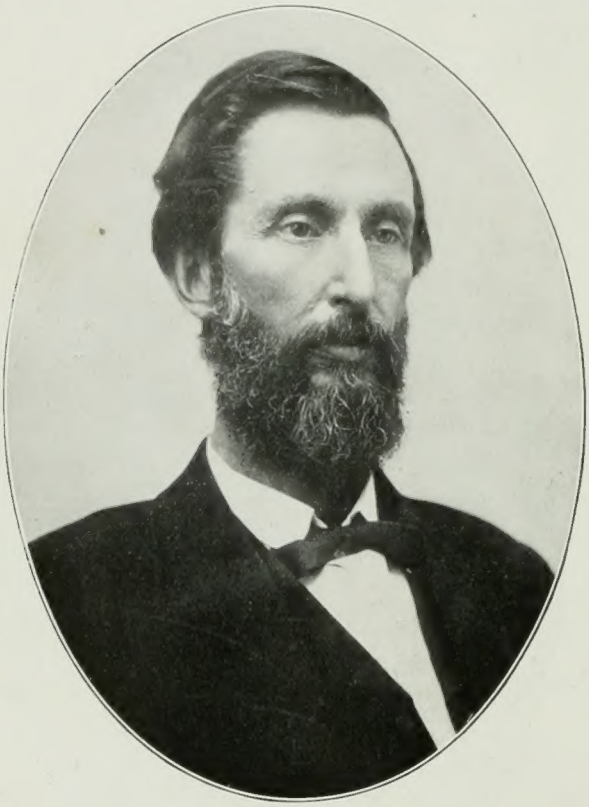
He recon'd not the past, while aught remain'd
Great to be done, or mighty to be gained.—*Rowe.*



Bishop Eugene Russell Hendrix was born in Fayette, Missouri, May 17th, 1847. He was born and reared in a Methodist home, both parents, Adam Hendrix and Isabel J. Hendrix, being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted during a great revival held in Fayette, Missouri, March 14th, 1859, and joined the church the same date under the ministry of Rev. S. W. Cope. He was the first penitent in the great revival held at Fayette that spring; he had been under conviction since the previous spring, but supposed he was too young to ask for the prayers of the Church; his mother knelt by him as he gave his heart to God. His religious life was deeply-quickened when he felt called to preach the Gospel, and his life as a student for forty-five years has led him ever nearer to God. He was licensed to preach in Middletown, Connecticut, when a student at the Wesleyan University from 1864 to 1867; Rev. J. J. Pegg being the preacher in charge. He was recommended for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was serving as a supply in the summer of 1869, and was received into the Missouri Conference in 1869; Rev. W. M. Rush, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop Geo. F. Pierce, presiding. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Pierce in his room at Chillicothe, Missouri, in 1869, the Bishop being unable to preach or attend the public services on that day; was ordained Elder by Bishop H. N. McTyeire in September, 1870, at Leavenworth, Kansas. The appointments filled are: Leavenworth, Kansas, 1869-1870; Macon, Missouri, 1870-1872; Francis St., St. Joseph, Missouri, 1872-1876. Missionary tour around the world, 1876-1877; Glasgow, Missouri, 1877-1878. President of Central College from 1878 to 1886. Elected and ordained Bishop in 1886. Several hundred persons were received into the church under his ministry while pastor from 1869 to 1878, and he has ordained more than one thousand deacons and elders. He attended Central College until it was suspended during the Civil War, then the Wesleyan University at Middleton, Connecticut, where he was graduated in 1867; he attended also the Union Theological Seminary, New York, graduating from there in 1869. He was married to Miss Anne E. Scarritt, June 20th, 1872, and his children are: Mrs. Evangeline I. Waring, Mrs. Mary M. Simpson, Nathan Scarritt Hendrix and Helen C. Hendrix. He considers the founding of the Korean Mission as being possibly the most important event in his life. Liddon's Bampton Lectures on the Divinity of Our Lord, Shedd's Works, also those of Dr. H. B. Smith, old professors of his, are some of the books aside from the Bible that have been most helpful to him.

BISHOP ENOCH MATHER MARVIN, D.D.

When the great Coronation Day of our Lord Jesus Christ comes, I would like to be living, and lay my Crown at His feet.—*Queen Victoria.*



Enoch Mather Marvin was born in Warren County, Missouri, June 12th, 1823. Catharine Mather was the mother of his grandfather, Enoch Marvin. Both families were of English descent. Reinold Marvin, who came to America about 1637 from Essex County, was baptized in St. Mary's church, Great Bently Parish, England, June 7th, 1593. This old church was built in 1089 by Alberic de Vere, a favorite of William the Conqueror, and founder of the family long enjoying the title of Earl of Oxford. At first a private chapel, it came at last by successive assignments under the patronage of the Bishops of St. Albans. Here many of our ancestors worshiped, and their bones rest about its consecrated walls.

Amid the rude surrondings of a Missouri farm near a century ago Enoch Mather Marvin was reared. His parents were lovers of learning, and he early evinced a longing for books. Awake to nature, too, every voice of earth or sky struck a responsive chord in his sensitive soul. In person tall and angular, long of neck and limb, leaning forward as he walked; large feet, slender, white hands, pale face, rather high cheek bones, eye between nazel and gray, slightly drooping eyelids, black hair, high forehead, voice full and deep yet mellow.

His mental grasp was quick, strong, comprehensive; the organizing and executive faculties were not wanting. Both the analytic and synthetic seemed to be the natural mode of his mind's working, and his contemplative disposition carried him into the highest regions of human thought.

At times his preaching became rapturous and was laden with a strange, magnetic influence that cannot be described, and a pathos whose power was irresistible; yet all the while one felt that his thoughts had been guided by a sober judgment, and his emotions had not borne him beyond the limits of self-control. His imaginative powers he kept under strict surveillance, and in his most enthusiastic moods was economical with language. Betrayed into no wild flights of fluent fancy he packed his thoughts into the fewest words, and every sentence became a glowing picture.

In the social circle his rich humor often gave forth "flashes of merriment that were wont to set the table on a roar." Too sincere to be adroit, he yet, in his dealing with men, avoided many difficulties by a tact that was born of love.

For family and friends he would have given his life; to an enemy generous, yet prompt to condemn what he thought unjust, and while sensitive to a wrong he was above retaliation.

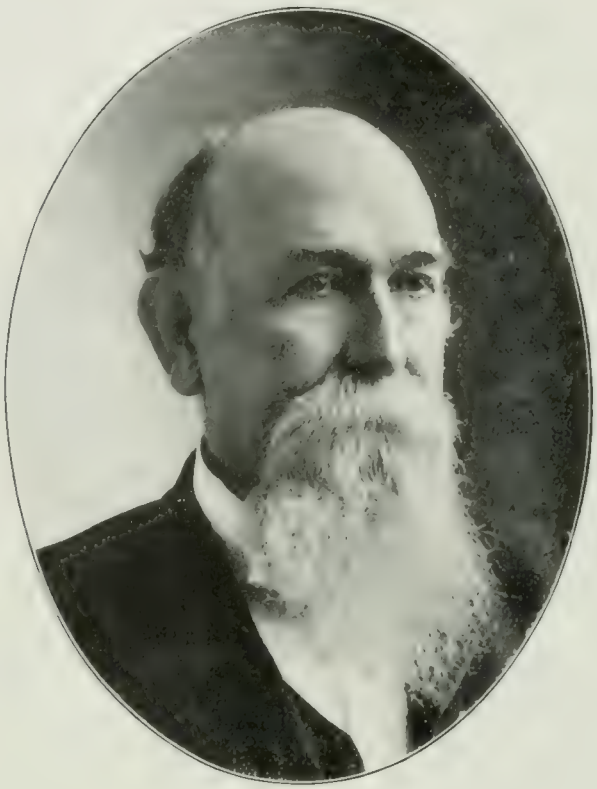
Unselfishly and humbly, yet faithfully and fearlessly he sought to do his life work. His love for God and men was the heart-throb of his being, and the flame of his zeal consumed his life. Stricken with pneumonia at his home in St. Louis, he sank gently into his last sleep about 4 o'clock on Monday morning, November 26th, 1877.

Perhaps the greatest work of his useful life was what he did for Central College, Fayette, Missouri. To this institution of learning he was thoroughly devoted, and the results have justified his endeavor.



QUEEN VICTORIA.

Quoted in connection with the life of Bishop E. M. Marvin.



BISHOP JOSEPH STAUNTON KEY, D.D.

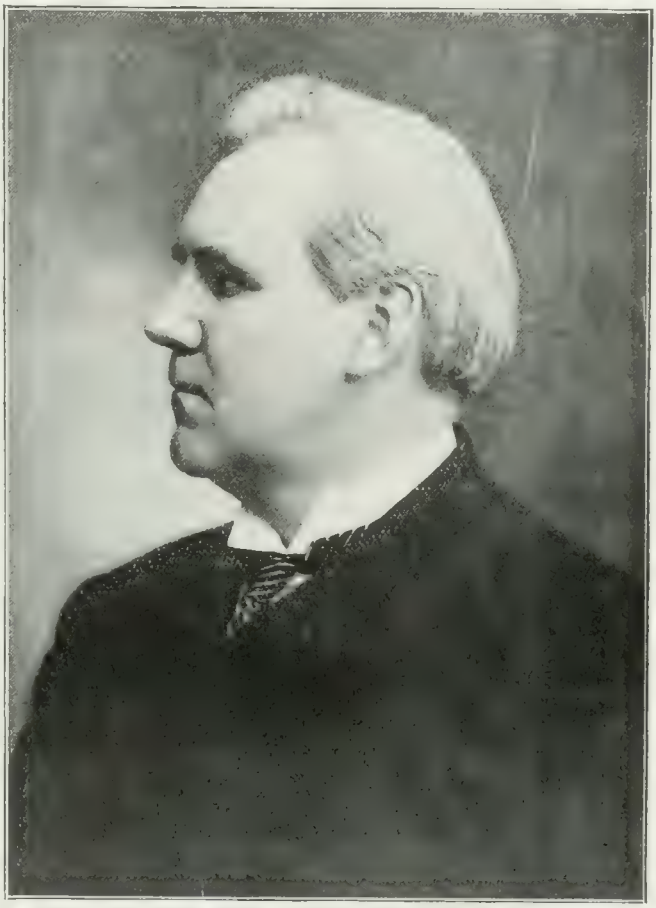
I bent before Thy gracious throne,
And asked for peace with suppliant knee;
And peace was given—nor peace alone,
But faith, and hope, and ecstacy.—*Wordsworth.*

Bishop Key made the Centennial appointments, 1906, which follow in this volume. He was the highly honored presiding officer of the Missouri Conference in 1906 and again in 1907. He was born in La Grange, Georgia, July 18th, 1829. His father, Rev. Caleb Witt Key, was a Methodist itinerant, and he spent his youth in the bounds of his father's pastorate. His mother, Elizabeth Key, was a woman of strong and richly endowed character. He had advantage of schools and academies. He graduated from Emory College, Oxford, Georgia, in 1848, receiving the A. B. degree. He afterwards obtained A. M. Licensed to preach in 1848, and joined the Georgia Conference in 1849. He was a pastor and presiding elder in the Georgia and South Georgia Conferences until elected Bishop in 1886. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from the University of Georgia. He has presided over the Missouri Conferences twice, and under appointment for the third time.

He was married to Miss Susie M. Snyder in 1851. She died in 1891. In 1893 he married Mrs. Lucy Kidd, who has for more than twenty years been the successful President of North Texas Female College, Sherman, Texas.

REV. WILLIAM FLETCHER McMURRY, D.D.

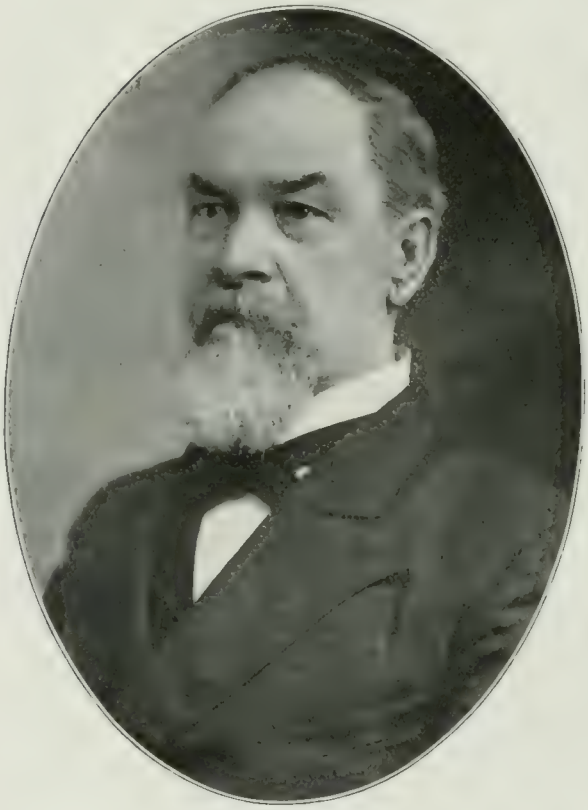
Faith puts us into immediate communication with God and with
The highest range of facts in the Universe.—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. W. F. McMurry, son of Rev. William Wesley McMurry and Mary Elizabeth McMurry, was born five miles west of Shelbyville, Missouri, June 29th, 1864. He was converted at Fayette, Missouri, under the influences of Rev. B. D. Sipple and Mr. P. S. Rader, students at Central College, in 1884. He was licensed to preach April 13th, 1885, by the Fayette Quarterly Conference, Rev. J. H. Ledbetter preacher in charge, and Rev. J. A. Mumpower, Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in the summer of 1886, by the same Quarterly Conference; received into the Annual Conference on trial in the fall of 1886, at the session of the Missouri Conference held at St. Joseph, Missouri; Rev. J. A. Mumpower, Presiding Elder, and Rev. H. N. McTyeire, Bishop; ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix September 9th, 1888, at Gallatin, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Joseph S. Key, September 14th, 1890. Appointments served: Hundley Church, St. Joseph, Missouri, 1886-1889; Macon Station, 1889-1893; Richmond Station, 1893-1897; St. Joseph District, 1897-1901; St. Louis Conference, St. Louis District, 1901-1902; Centenary Church, St. Louis, 1902-1906; Corresponding Secretary Board of Church Extentension, 1906. Between four and five thousand persons have been received into the church under his ministry. The Macon church was rebuilt during his pastorate there, and he had to do with the building of several churches in his districts. His education was received at the public schools, St. Charles College and Central College. He was married to Miss Frances Byrd Davis, October 9th, 1888, and they have three children, Mary Claudia McMurry, William Fletcher McMurry and Frances McMurry. Dr. McMurry made a remarkable record as Presiding Elder of St. Joseph District, and on the St. Louis District. His four years' pastorate of Centenary Church, St. Louis, was distinguished by the reception of a large number of people into the church, over two thousand new members. He enters upon his work as Corresponding Secretary of the General Board of Church Extension under most favorable auspices.

REV. JOSEPH HENRY PRITCHETT, D.D.

The Conversion of the world to Jesus Christ is the most Stupendous enterprise that was ever conceived by the Mind of Man.—*Bishop Hoss.*



Joseph Henry Pritchett was born of Methodist parents, Henry Pritchett and Martha Myra Pritchett, in Henry County, Virginia, February 8th, 1835. He was converted and received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. W. W. Redman, Rev. George Smith and Rev. D. T. Sherman at old Shiloh Church in St. Charles County, Missouri, in 1848. He says there was nothing unusual in his conversion, and that his growth in grace was simply the ups and downs of a common farmer boy followed by those of an ordinary man. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Flint Hill charge, August, 1855; Rev. W. A. Mayhew was preacher in charge, and Rev. E. M. Marvin, Presiding Elder; was recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference by the same Quarterly Conference in 1855; and was received into the Annual Conference on trial that same year; Rev. E. M. Marvin, Presiding Elder, and Bishop John Early, presiding; ordained Deacon at the Annual Conference held in Glasgow, Missouri, September, 1857, by Bishop James O. Andrew; ordained Elder by Bishop Robert Paine at Tecumseh, Kansas, in 1859. Dr. Pritchett, from his admission on trial into the Annual Conference, has been one of the most faithful and trusted men of our Methodism. He has served in order the following appointments: Tecumseh, Kansas, 1855-1856; Council Grove, Kansas, 1856-1858; Leavenworth, Kansas, 1858-1860; Sturgeon Circuit, Missouri Conference, 1860-1861; Flint Hill Circuit, St. Charles District, 1861-1862; Cottleville Circuit, 1862-1864; St. Charles Station, 1864; in Montana during 1865-1866; Warrenton Circuit, 1866-1867; St. Charles District, 1867-1869; Weston Station, 1869-1870; Hannibal Station, 1870-1872; Glasgow Station, 1872-1874; Fayette District, 1874-1876; Howard Payne College, 1876-1881; Pritchett Institute, 1881-1884; Paynesville Institute and pastor of Troy and Wentzville, 1884-1886; Central College and pastor Roanoke Circuit, 1886-1888; Macon District, 1888-1892; Moberly Station, 1892-1894; Mexico Station, 1894-1896; St. Joseph District, 1896-1897; Gallatin District, 1897-1898; Missionary Secretary, 1898-1902; Mexico District, 1902-1904; Fulton Station, 1904-1905; Supernumerary, 1905-1906. He received his education at Howard High School and Marvin's Brush College. He was married to Miss Mary Jane Johnson, April 9th, 1857, and they have the following children, William Henry Pritchett, Walter McAnally Pritchett, Robert Lee Spencer Pritchett, Stonewall Pritchett, John Thomas Pritchett, Joseph Johnson Pritchett, Granville Morrison Pritchett, and Paul Livingstone Pritchett. Dr. Pritchett is one of our great, good men.

REV. DAVID RICE McANALLY, D.D.

'Tis Immortality, 'tis that alone,
The soul can comfort, elevate and fill.—*Young.*

By Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald.



Our Dr. McAnally was a native of East Tennessee. There the hills are high and rugged, the streams are many and sparkling, the woods are beautifully timbered, the sky is lofty, while now and then a mountain peak shoots its head away above the clouds and fogs that roll below. The tonic of the East Tennessee breezes was in Dr. McAnally's veins. He had drunk of its springs. It is not at all strange that he never forgot that romantic land of his birth. But he gave himself wholly to Missouri. He out-Missouried Missouri itself, if I may say so. The Missourians took to him. There was in him a frankness, an outspoken devotion to the truth as he saw it, a watchfulness that never slumbered when a polemic foe threatened the encampments of Missouri Methodism. Blessed old Missouri! The rank and file of our people believed in him, looked to him for the defense of what was most sacred to their souls, and were ready to stand by him in any contest where denominational banners waved over hostile ranks.

Dr. McAnally as an editor filled a large place in Missouri Methodism. He magnified his office as defender of the faith during long and stormy years. As a watchman upon Zion's walls, he was steady at his post. An open enemy he repelled promptly and effectually. The brother who was a dreamer and a speculator, a floater on the smoky sea where so many have lost their bearings, he met with his one remedy for doubt and diluted theology, namely: Thus saith the Lord. Dr. McAnally took the sacred book, the sacred volume as it was given; it was a light to his path and a lamp to his feet. He did not exert his ingenuity in attempts to make the Bible mean nothing in particular; the higher criticism, so-called, had not wrought the wonders of stultification since achieved. The plenary inspiration of the Bible was to him a truth of transcendent importance; his faith was unwavering, and his peace was full.

David Rice McAnally was born in Grainger County, Tennessee, February 17th, 1810. He was admitted into the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a traveling preacher at Abbingdon, Va., in 1829. After twelve years of service on circuits and stations, he was called to the presidency of the East Tennessee Female Institute in Knoxville, in which place he remained eight years. In 1851 he was elected editor of the "Christian Advocate" in St. Louis, Missouri. He had been since 1840 indirectly connected with the press in North Carolina and Tennessee. He published various tracts and pamphlets on educational and controversial subjects, and for several years was connected with Horace Mann and others in the endeavor to improve the common school system of the country. He is the author of sketches of the "Life and Character of Mrs. Ramsey," "Life and Times of William Patton," and "Life and Times of Samuel Patton," and other works.

He died in 1895, aged 85 years, having been a minister of the Gospel for 67 years. He suffered long and severely before his death and illustrated by invincible patience and unflagging hope, the power of the truth so long preached by him by voice and through the printed page.

Nashville, Tennessee.

REV. WILLIAM BEVERLY PALMORE, D.D.

He gaes far afield, and taks us tae strange lands when he's on His travels, but ye'ill acknowledge that he gaithers mony Treasures, and he aye comes back tae Christ.—*Ian Maclaren.*



William Beverly Palmore was born in Fayette County, Tennessee; his father died when he was only six weeks old, but the Christian mother, strengthened by her communion with the Infinite, guided his youthful feet in the ways of God, so that he grew up in unhesitating acceptance of the truths of Christianity.

At fourteen years of age the family removed to Missouri and settled on a farm near Malta Bend in Saline County and here as in Tennessee he continued to learn and practice that economy and industry which comparative poverty necessitated. His early educational advantages were only such as were offered by the common schools of the country.

When yet a boy, being only 17, he entered the Confederate Army where he remained until the close of the great struggle. He was with General Marmaduke until the surrender at Shreveport and although occupying the peculiarly dangerous position of standard bearer he went through battle and skirmish unscathed to the end.

Returning to Missouri he went into business in Waverly in 1866, in which he continued with good success until the pressure of the Divine Hand indicating another field of endeavor became so strong that he obeyed the summons.

He was converted at eighteen, but made little if any progress in the divine life until as a teacher in the Sunday school at Waverly he was fully awakened to the need of greater consecration. Feeling that he was called to the ministry he entered Vanderbilt at the opening of that institution when the buildings were as yet unfinished. Here he remained for several years in association with men, many of whom rose to eminence in the Church. Among his intimate friends was the lamented Bishop Tigert.

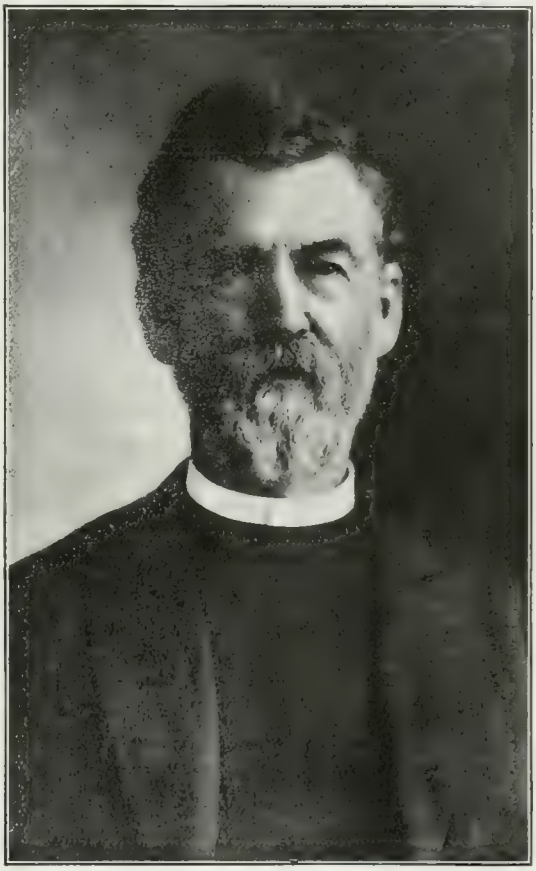
As a member of the South West Missouri Conference his ability was at once recognized, and because of this he was from the beginning assigned to fields that were difficult and responsibilities that were heavy. In this relation his entire history was a history of success and wherever he labored the Church was built up in its material interests and its membership as well. Needless to say he was loved and honored everywhere.

A relentless foe to tobacco and whiskey he has lived an abstemious and economical life, using the means which his talent and industry have won to promote the cause of God and the kingdom of His Son. His Christian generosity has touched the work of God at so many points that they cannot be enumerated. It may be noted that the foundations of two of the greatest and most successful missionary enterprises of the Church were laid by him; the Palmore Institute at Kobe, Japan, and the Colegio Palmore at Chihuahua, Mexico. Here almost a thousand students are annually gathered under the fostering influences of Christianity.

Since 1890 Dr. Palmore has been the Editor and Manager of the St. Louis Christian Advocatee, and in this position has accomplished a work and achieved a reputation exceeded by few in the history of the world.

REV. CHARLES CARROL WOODS, D.D.

Yet so much bounty is in God, such grace, that who advance His Glory, not their own, them He Himself to glory will Advance.—*Milton.*



Rev. Charles Carrol Woods, son of Samuel H. Woods and Sicily Woods, was born in Rocky Mount, Virginia, July 4th, 1838. He was converted at a country church in Franklin County, Virginia, when about fifteeen years of age, under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Lewis, and joined the church at that time. His father's home was the stopping place of all the preachers, and frequently services were had there. Always religiously inclined, he was deeply impressed in a revival meeting held by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Lewis, and that night about midnight he found peace in the crucified Lord. He was licensed to preach in August, 1861, by the Quarterly Conference of Versailles Circuit, at that time in the St. Louis, but now the South-West Missouri Conference; Rev. W. M. Prottsman was Presiding Elder, and Rev. T. J. Smith preacher in charge; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and he was received into the Annual Conference with Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop E. M. Marvin, at Kansas City, Mo., in 1867; ordained Elder by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh at Jefferson City, Missouri, in 1868. Appointments filled: Marshall Circuit, Versailles Circuit, Jefferson City, Mo., New Madrid Circuit, Warrensburg Station, Harrisonville Station, Boonville Station, Jefferson City Station, Boonville District, Walnut St. Kansas City, Mo., Lydia Ave. (now Central), Kansas City, Kansas City Dist., Nevada Station, Pres. of Scarritt Collegiate Institute eight years, Springfield, St. Paul's, and with St. Louis Christian Advocate after 1898. The church at Warrensburg, Jefferson City, Harrisonville Circuit (church and parsonage), Kansas City (church and parsonage), and many others were all built under his pastorate, and many churches and parsonages repaired and improved, and many old debts paid. His education was received at the country primary schools, at Trinity College, North Carolina, and at Central College, Fayette, Missouri. He received the degree of D. D. from Trinity in 1877. He was married to Miss Anna M. Nicholds in July, 1866, and their children are as follows: Dr. Samuel H. Woods, Charles R. Woods, Dr. E. A. Woods, Mrs. Minnie C. Hall, Mrs. Bess M. Childs, Mrs. Nellie Stuckey, and Miss Mabel Woods. Some of the books which have helped him most, aside from the Bible, are Baxter's "Call," and "Saint's Rest," and Mosheim's History. Dr. Woods has dedicated a great many churches, and has given quite a good deal of attention to Masonry, having been Grand Master, Grand High Priest, and also Grand Prelate for some thirteen years. He feels he has been able to accomplish much good by association with the Masonic fraternity.

THE ST. LOUIS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The open Bible, the living ministry, our Methodist Schools, and the St. Louis Christian Advocate, have been four potent factors in the development of Imperial Missouri. The Advocate, during its nearly three score years of history, has had but few editors. For more than three decades Dr. D. R. McAnally was editor-in-chief. For nearly two decades Dr. W. B. Palmore has borne the burden of responsibility, both editorial and financial. The Bible may remain dust-covered and unopened, the pastor, from storm or sickness, may fail in his regular rounds, but the St. Louis Advocate, fresh, versatile and broadly intelligent in its wealth of information, is as regular as the sun in its weekly greetings of the household. Whatever else may fail, the Advocate makes its bow and invites the family to a bountiful feast of good things provided in its freighted columns. During rainy Sundays and stormy nights, the Advocate is on hand to give the shut-ins, the tired housewife, the weary father, or the restless children, a profitable and delightful hour. The far-reaching and mighty activities of the church among men are faithfully reported for the help of those striving to practice the principles of our holy religion. The Advocate stands as a break-water against the inflowing tides of worldliness; it sounds the alarm at the approach of danger; it strikes with a mailed hand the brazen head of sin in the high and low places of life; and it stands amid the confusion of strange tongues, contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints. The Advocate is the church's throne of power, her right arm of strength, her beacon light upon the watch tower, and her herald of victory on the field of conquest. The Advocate is pledged to the speedy overthrow of King Alcohol, opium and war! And to the sending of the gospel to all the world during the present century. For these and many other reasons it should be placed in every Methodist home. The Advocate has

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PROF. WILLIAM ALEXANDER WEBB, A. M.

PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL COLLEGE, FAYETTE, MO.

All the wealth of past Wisdom, all the treasuries of Future Hope; ours to study now, ours to possess hereafter.

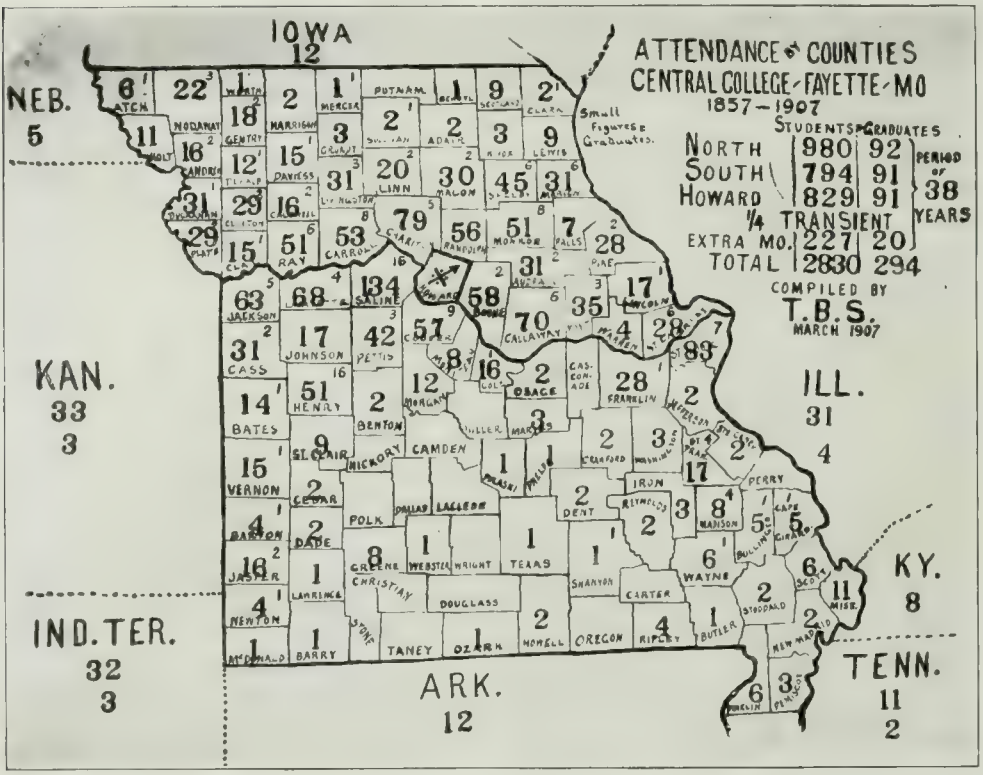
—*Canon Farrar.*

William A. Webb, eldest child of Richard Stanford and Jennie Clegg Webb, was born in Durham, N. C., July 30, 1867. His father was admitted to the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1859, and continued in active service in that and in the Western North Carolina Conference until the time of his death in 1901, serving during the Civil War as Chaplain of the Forty-Fourth North Carolina Regiment, C. S. A.

Prepared for college by his uncles, Messrs. W. R. and J. M. Webb, now of Bell Buckle, Tenn., he entered Vanderbilt University in 1887 and graduated four years later with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After another year of study in the University and three years of teaching in the Webb School, he spent two years in foreign travel and study in the University of Leipsic. In 1897 he became principal of Central Academy, and two years later was elected Professor of English in Central College, which position he has since held, spending the year 1903-'04 (by permission of the college authorities) in graduate study in the University of Berlin. During the absence of President James C. Morris, 1906-'07, he served as Acting President of Central College. He was married January 31, 1899, to Miss Mary Lee Clary of Bell Buckle, Tenn., and has three children.

He has contributed to the *"Methodist Quarterly Review"* and *"South Atlantic Quarterly,"* and is the author of "Richard Malcolm Johnston" in Baskerville's "Southern Writers." He was elected President of Central College, Fayette, Mo., at a meeting of the Board of Curators held in St. Louis, on April 23d, 1907.

ATTENDANCE MAP OF MISSOURI.



This cut very appropriately appears in connection with the semi-centennial statements made herewith. It shows at a glance the attendance for fifty years as distributed by counties in Missouri and by States adjoining. The smaller figures indicate the number of graduates in each case. The map was compiled by Prof. T. Berry Smith, and is deemed to be quite authentic, being based on the records of catalogues and matriculation books. About one-fourth of those credited to Howard County were transient and should be distributed among the other counties, in the ratio of five north of the Missouri river to four south of it.



Here we have twelve views in one, a composite of both exteriors and interiors. They show at a glance some of the charms of Central College.

CAMPUS VIEW.



This view is taken from the southwest corner of the Campus. It shows in the foreground some of the stately trees that, in well-chosen variety, bestud the grounds. The walk seen is made of the refuse from a coal mine, which, after being thrown out, passed through a process of spontaneous combustian and thereby became brick red. The contrast with the green of the turf is very pleasing. In the background may be seen portions of the Academy and of Cupples Hall to the right, and of Centenary Chapel to the left.

"OLD BUILDING."



The "Old Building," once called "Library Hall," and now known as the "Academy," was erected in 1856. Two other buildings preceded it on the same site; the first one burned in 1838, and the second one in 1854. In this building all the work of the institution was carried on until June, 1886. In its chapel were held also for many years the services of the local congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. During the Civil War it was occupied as a barracks by the Federal troops and by them was greatly abused. After the war it was repaired, and it is still in an excellent state of preservation. The building is used at present as a study hall and for recitation rooms by the preparatory classes of the college.

CENTRAL COLLEGE, FAYETTE, MO.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

The city of Fayette is the capital of Howard county, one of the best and earliest settled counties of Central Missouri. Fayette was laid out at the time of the last visit of Lafayette to the United States, and was named in honor of that illustrious son of France. Surrounded by people from the older commonwealths of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, it very soon became the seat of excellent private schools. In 1839-40, when the State Commissioners, traveling on horseback, visited the counties of Cooper, Saline, Howard and Boone, they came near choosing Fayette as the seat of the new University.

In 1844 there came to Fayette from McKendree College, Illinois, a young man named William T. Lucky. He and his wife began a school which they called Howard High School, and which grew as the years rolled on. He had as associates in his work during those years several men who left their imprint on many, many lives. They were William T. Davis, Nathan Scarritt and Carr W. Pritchett.

The fame of Fayette as an educational center was such that a delegated convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session in St. Louis in April, 1853, selected it as the seat of "a literary institution of the highest order." The following autumn curators were appointed by the St. Louis and Missouri conferences, who held their first meeting on December 9, 1853, to devise ways and means for opening the proposed new college. They adjourned without taking any definite steps, but were called together again sooner than they expected. On the twenty-sixth of January, 1854, the Howard High School was burned and on February 4 a joint session of the Trustees and of the new Board of Curators was held in Fayette. At this session arrangements were made whereby the present site of the "Old Building" was transferred to the new board. This was the beginning of the Campus which at present comprises about twenty-five acres. The board evidently began its corporate existence in this year because the great seal of the college bears the words, "Incorporated 1854," but the charter bears date March 1, 1855, and it was accepted and adopted by the board in December, 1855. A stately building (the one still standing) was erected on the site of the burned one in 1856, and in this building the formal opening of Central College began in September, 1857. Rev. Nathan Scarritt, President, and Rev. Carr W. Pritchett, Principal, assistant. They took the boys and left the young ladies in the High School with Mr. Lucky, who in 1859 secured a charter changing the name to Howard Female College (now Howard Payne College). Rev. C. W. Pritchett still abides and lives near Independence, Mo. See sketch and cut elsewhere in this book.

The last ante-bellum minutes of the Board of Central bear date June 17, 1861, and the first post-bellum June 4, 1867. The ravages of war had swept over the land and the college building had been used as barracks and hospital.

October 29, 1867, there was held in St. Louis a joint session of Conference committees and a new Board of Curators, five from each Conference, came into existence.

On June 11, 1868, they elected Rev. William A. Smith, D.D., President, and he set about raising an endowment fund of $100,000, which amount was deemed necessary to be secured before the college should be opened again. He, already an old man and worn with long service in Randolph-Macon College, Virginia, soon broke down, tho' not until, by a vigorous canvass, he had secured the desired amount of endowment.

In the College building an exceellent school was conducted, known as the "Classical Seminary of Central College," until June 1870. The following September the college was formally re-opened under the Presidency of Rev. John C. Wills, D. D., of Alabama. In his faculty were Rev. F. X. Forster, Rev. Wesley G. Miller and Prof. O. H. P. Corprew. All but the last have passed into the beyond, but he abides with us yet, in the emeritus relation, his courteous bearing in no way lessened, "The Noblest Roman of Them All."

In 1878 President Wills died, leaving a memory whose fragrance yet remains, and in his stead was chosen Rev. Eugene R. Hendrix, D. D., whose early years had been spent in Central. He found the College in debt, the endowment nearly all gone, and large deficits existing in the salaries of the Professors.

Taking hold with a vigorous hand he initiated an era of expansion and enlargement. By June, 1886, when he resigned to accept the Bishopric to which he had been elected by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, all indebtedness had been cancelled, the endowment had grown to $110,000, the Campus increased to several acres; there had



PROF. O. H. P. CORPREW.

been erected a small gymnasium, a temporary club house, and a magnificent chapel, and both curriculum and faculty had been enlarged. He had as co-workers such men as Corprew, Kilpatrick, E. A. Allen (now at Missouri State University), William B. Smith (now at Tulane University, New Orleans), Armstrong, Frantz, Anderson and others. From 1886 to 1888 Prof. Corprew served as president pro tem, and during this time there came into the faculty R. T. Bond and T. Berry Smith. In June, 1888, Rev. John D. Hammond, D. D., became president, and served until June, 1896. During his administration the campus was increased to twenty acres and the splendid "Science Hall" was built. Showing in himself a grand specimen of physical manhood, combined with fine intellectual attainment and a religious character of the highest order, he sought to develop the whole man. He advocated physical training and had new equipments put in the gymnasium and he secured from Mrs. Catherine Johnson a tract of ground adjoining the Campus, which constitutes one of the best athletic fields in the state. His faculty consisted of Corprew, Kilpatrick, Frantz, Bond, Smith, Mumpower, White and others.

In 1886 there was elected for the first time to the presidency an alumnus of the College. Tyson S. Dines, A. M., '80, of Denver, Colo., was chosen in June and did some service during the summer, but an accident just about the opening of the Fall term befell him and he was physically incapacitated throughout the remainder of the year. At its close he resigned. As his successor another alumnus was chosen. E. B. Craighead, A. M., '82, was called from the presidency of Clemson Agricultural College, South Carolina, and he entered at once on a vigorous policy which was prosecuted for four years with large success. It was during this time that the beautiful Cupples Hall was erected, one of the best college dormitories in the State. It was the gift of Mr. Samuel Cupples of St. Louis, whose generosity has been more than once felt by Central College.

From June, 1901, to June, 1903, Prof. T. Berry Smith was acting president and the work of the college proceeded about as usual. Then the Rev. James C. Morris, D. D., of St. Louis, was chosen to the presidency. He brought to the office scholarly attainments and a matured manhood, softened by many years in the ministry of the gospel. Under his administration the college took on new life, the faculty being increased in numbers, the attendance was enlarged fifty per cent, and a commodious and well-equipped new gymnasium was erected at a cost of $14,000. It was during his term that the plan of celebrating the semi-centennial of the college had its inception. Of this Jubilee occasion see an account elsewhere. After three years he asked and was allowed leave of absence for one year, during which time Prof. William A. Webb was acting president. In April, 1907, Dr. Morris resigned and Prof. Webb become president.

In the foregoing pages an outline of the history of Central College has been penned. In this, its jubilee year, we find the following summary of what has been done. It was in active operation four years preceding the Civil War, during which time it had six graduates. Then its doors were closed from 1861 to 1871. Since that time it has grown steadily along all lines and stands today among the foremost institutions of the West. It has had, in all, fourteen presidents and acting presidents, more than fifty professors and teachers, two hundred and ninety-four graduates and 3,000 different persons enrolled as students whose average attendance has been about two years. The Campus of one acre has grown to twenty-five acres, embracing such variety of surface and growth as to render it probably the most charming Campus in the State. The original building that stood alone until 1884 has now the company of four other stately structures, as indicated in the accompanying cuts. In these buildings are found such equipments as serve the purposes of modern educational work. A library of 10,000 volumes, an extensive and well arranged museum, laboratories, chemical, physical and biological, with their complements of apparatus, a splendid gymnasium for physical training, halls for the literary societies, and the usual quota of recitation and other rooms. The total value of this plant is estimated at $200,000. In the beginning the fathers figured on $25,000 for building and equipment, and $50,000 for endowment. This ratio of two to one has not been sustained, but it is hoped that the semi-centennial campaign will bring the nearly $200,000 of present endowment up to $400,000 or more. The intellectual and moral output of these fifty years cannot be estimated.

The children of Alma Mater, whether titled or untitled, are filling many places of credit in the world and today Central's sons are standing shoulder to shoulder with the best of earth in the very forefront of educated Christian manhood.

T. Berry Smith.



CENTENARY CHAPEL.

This great brick edifice was erected in 1884 at a cost of $28,000. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,000, while and the ground floor is a lecture room for 500. In this room are held all the ordinary services of the church and college, while the auditorium is used for the larger gatherings of both. There is a large pipe organ in the upper room.



SCIENCE HALL.

This is the Central building of the Campus. It was erected in 1894-5 and cost, with its furnishings, about $50,000. It is acknowledged by all who have seen it, to be among the finest and best arranged of college buildings anywhere. Within its walls is carried on all the work of the regular college classes. Here are class rooms, library, museum, laboratories and society halls.



CUPPLES HALL.

Cupples Hall was built in 1899 at a cost of $26,000. It was the gift of Mr. Samuel Cupples of St. Louis. The basement of uncut stone serves for the kitchen and dining hall with capacities for feeding one hundred and fifty persons. The other floors are surrounded by walls of mottled red brick and a red tile roof, the whole presenting a pleasing effect. On these floors are rooms, large and well ventilated, for fifty young men. There is a lavatory and bath room on each floor, and on the first floor are public parlors and the rooms of the housekeeper. This building is centrally located, and it makes an ideal college home.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF CENTRAL COLLEGE.

By Rev. Willis Carlisle.

I was appointed to this work June, 1905, without previous consultation or consent with no definite plans on my part nor suggestions on the part of the Board. The first work presenting itself was to form plans and organize for an effective two years' work. Keeping in mind the accomplishment of two ends, (1) Increase in number of students; (2) Increase in endowment.

A careful examination of conditions, locally and throughout the state, as revealed through letters, personal visits to congregations, answers to direct questions, showed conclusively that the first work to be undertaken through this office was the work of greater publicity, to result in (1) Increased intelligence on the part of our people, (2) A quickening of conscience toward Central College, (3) An educational

revival in Missouri Methodism. Plans calculated to accomplish these ends were carefully formed and presented to the Board of Curators at their meeting in St. Louis November, 1905, with estimated cost of prosecuting such work, which plans after careful discussion, were adopted and funds voted to make them effective.

THE PLAN IN BRIEF.

The Methodist pastor was found to be the key to the situation. He could augment or destroy any latent interest. His co-operation is essential in his charge. He was to be cultivated in the most effectual way possible. This last statement has been before us at all times. Gain the good will and co-operation of the 500 Methodist preachers in Missouri in behalf of Central College and the school will overflow with students, wills be written, the endowment increased.

To encourage the pastors in their work and to assist them something must be done in arousing the public mind to a sense of the need and value of Central College to our church in Missouri.

THIS WAS DONE:

1. Through local work by the Secretary. I have made personal visit to leaders in our church, pastors or laymen, and in well planned conversations have gone over the entire situation, hearing what they had to say, meeting their objections, stilling their doubts and criticisms as much as possible, but at the end leaving this thought with them: "Whatever may or may have been done, whatever mistakes may or may not have been made, the fact remains that our beloved church must have Central College."

2. Through addresses in individual churches. As opportunity has been given me by the pastors of our more influential churches I have, with one or two exceptions, addressed the churches in the same strain. Some months ago I opened the way in several such churches for these addresses and accepted all calls.

3. Through District Conference Addresses.

Looking upon the district conferences as gatherings of our representative laymen and pastors addresses have been planned for these both in 1906-07.

This has been a valuable feature of the work in enlisting both laymen and pastors.

4. Through conferences with officials.

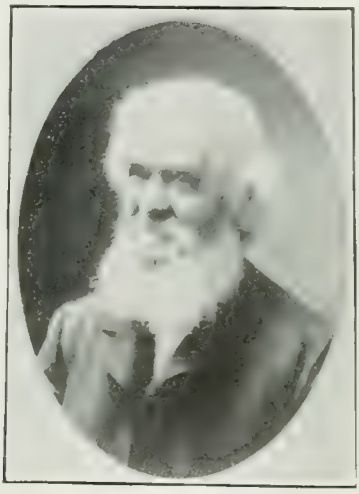
(a) With presiding elders.

As effective work as has been done has been accomplished through this medium. These conferences have given us a state-wide view. They have also been the means of dirct committal. When these were held the time had come to know just where our leaders stood to know their ground, to commit themselves fairly and squarely, and this was the one aim of the conferences, other matters were of course considered. The chairman of our Board met the larger number of all the Presiding Elders in the state at the time of the St. Louis meeting in a helpful conference. The effects of such meetings, with a point, are obvious.

(b) The same conferences have been held with the Conference Boards of Education in the Southwest Missouri and Missouri conferences. The first in Kansas City, the second in Moberly. The field carefully gone over in each instance, helpful suggestions made, and the work emphasized.

5. Through Central College meetings at each of the Annual Conferences in 1906.

Concerning the Semi-Centennial history: It is a matter of impossibility for me to write an adequate history, such as should grace the pages of the Semi-Centennial volume. To date, since the inauguration of the campaign by the appointment of the Semi-Centennial committee, composed of the members of the Board of Curators, approximately $105,000 have been secured in notes, wills written, cash, buildings and improvements; the college attendance has been increased 104 per cent since I came and all expecting a still larger increase for the coming year.



REV. CARR WALLER PRITCHETT, LL. D., F. R. A. S.

On the roaring billows of Time, thou are not ingulfed, but Borne aloft into the azure of Eternity.—*Carlyle.*

Rev. Carr Waller Pritchett was born in Henry County, Virginia, September 4th, 1823. In his thirteenth year with his parents, he came to Missouri, and settled in Warren county. He was the oldest of ten children and knew all the hardships of pioneer farm life. He had but scanty opportunities for getting an education, but being ambitious he studied much by the fireside and sometimes worked his algebra problems with keel on the plow beam while his horses were resting. In his twenty-first year he attended St. Charles College for eight months. In 1844, he began to teach, in which vocation he continued for most of the time for nearly thirty years, from 1851 to 1866 in Fayette, and from 1866 to 1873 in Glasgow. In Fayette he was associated, first with the Howard High School, and then with the organization of Central College from 1857 to 1861. In 1866 he became the first president of Pritchett College at Glasgow. In 1875 he became Director of the Morrison Astronomical Observatory at Glasgow, from which he retired in September, 1905, going to the country home of his son near Independence, Mo., where he is still living. Without the usual facilities of education in youth, yet he became a noted scholar and teacher in classical, mathematical and scientific subjects, and left an impress for good upon hundreds of young men and women in Central Missouri. In 1846, he became a licentiate in the Missouri Conference, and worked side by side with Enoch M. Marvin, then beginning his remarkable career in the same county; was ordained Deacon in 1857, and located in 1870—credited with sixteen years in the active work. He was a very able preacher, but gave his life rather to the instruction of youth, and the study of the wonders of the heavens. His degrees honorary are, A. M. (St. Charles), LL. D. (Central), and F. R. A. S. of England. He was married in the fall of 1849 to Miss Betty Susan Smith of Pike County, Missouri, who died in Glasgow, in November, 1872. To them were born seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving are two daughters, Lizzie and Sadie Byrd, and three sons, Dr. Henry S. Pritchett of New York, Oswald S. Pritchett, of Independence, Mo., and Carr W. Pritchett of Denver, Colo.

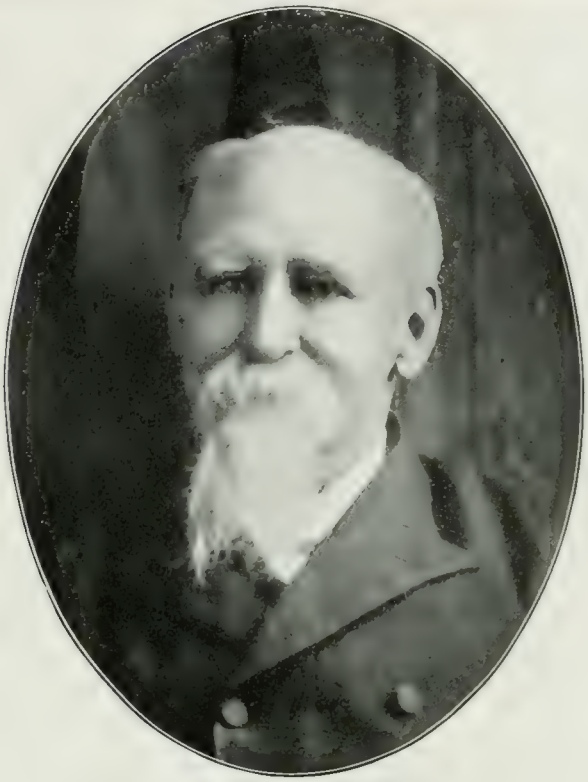


REV. WILLIS CARLISLE.

The end of thought is Action.—*From the Greek.*

By Rev. Ward M. Baker.

Rev. Willis Carlisle, of Kentucky parentage, was born August 20th, 1869. His father was a Baptist preacher. He was educated in the Omaha, Illinois, Male Academy, and Owensville, Indiana, High school; also the Indiana Normal University, graduating therefrom in the class of 1889. He taught two years in the public schools of Indiana, one year in Illinois, and was for three years principal of a Missouri public school. He was admitted on trial by the St. Louis Annual Conference in 1893, Bishop Duncan presiding. He was appointed to the Jackson, Missouri, Methodist College, as president, and after five years of successful school work, he was, at his own request, allowed to give all his time to pastoral labor. He transferred to the Missouri Conference in 1899, and was appointed to Rocheport Circuit. The following three years as Presiding Elder of the St. Charles District, he proved his zeal, energy, enterprise and power of initiative, by not only paying the Conference collections in full by direct effort in the respective charges, but bringing the salary of every preacher in the district up in full, and the last year enterprising the first District parsonage of the Missouri Conference. In June, 1905, at the earnest call of the Board of Trustees of Central College, he accepted the office of Secretary of the College. He began at once to spread abroad a wider and more thorough knowledge of this institution. His work has had special reference to the organization of the State for the Semi-Centennial movement. The celebration of the Semi-Centennial is to take place in October, 1907. Already the whole state has been organized for a series of meetings in which every member of our church in Missouri will be asked to contribute to the endowment of Central College. With remarkable zeal, a genius for office work, untiring energy, ability on the platform and in private, the work is being pressed by the Secretary. He was married to Miss Carrie, daughter of Rev. Godfrey Phillips, a member of the New York East Conference, July 29th, 1891. They have a son and daughter before the Father's throne. Miriam Carlisle and Magdalen Carlisle are in this earthly home. Of fine physique, cultured in manner, strong in mind, and living in the daily presence of the Eternal, in the very prime of life, God hath a greater future for this man of worth.



PROF. RICHARD THOMPSON BOND, A. M.

If inextinguishable thirst in Man to know, how rich, how full,
Our banquet there!—*Young.*

RICHARD THOMPSON BOND.

Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy in Central Collegee, Fayette, Mo., was born in Chambersburg, Pa., September 25th, 1838. His father, Rev. Richard Bond, M. D., was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, and his mother, Eliza Ann Thompson, in Westmoreland County, Virginia. His parents moved to Missouri in 1841, and settled in Danville, Montgomery County, where R. T. Bond attended a private school taught by Rev. Carr W. Pritchett, and in 1855 he attended Howard High School at Fayette, Mo., taught by Rev. Carr W. Pritchett and W. T. Lucky. During the next twelve years he was occupied in farming, mining, merchandising, freighting and traveling. He made three trips from New York to San Francisco by water, two by way of Panama, one by way of Nicaragua. Also trips overland to Denver, Santa Fe, Boise City, California and Oregon, before there was any Pacific railroad.

In February, 1867, he returned to Missouri and married Miss Hannah McIlhany in Callaway County, and in the fall of that year went to Glasgow, Mo., to teach in Pritchett School Institute, where he remained either as teacher or president until 1886, save four years spent in St. Louis teaching mathematics in Washington University. In the fall of 1886 he was called to the Chair of Mathematics and Astronomy in Central College, Fayette, Mo., which position he holds at present, January 1st, 1907.

He was converted in Macon City, Mo., in 1867, under the preaching of Rev. William A. Smith, D. D., during the session of the Missouri Annual Conference. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Glasgow, Mo., immediately after the close of the Conference, Rev. William Penn being the preacher in charge. He was licensed to preach by the Glasgow Quarterly Conference in the summer of 1885, and was immediately appointed by Rev. John A. Mumpower, the Presiding Elder, to supply the Salisbury Circuit for the remainder of the Conference year. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Granbery at Palmyra in 1889, and was ordained elder at Monroe City, by Bishop Atticus G. Haygood in 1893.



PROF. T. BERRY SMITH, A. M.

Floriferis ut apes in saltibus omnia libant.—*Lucretius.*
As from the sweetest flowers the lab'ring bee extracts her Precious sweets.—*Creech.*

Prof. T. Berry Smith was born December 7th, 1850, near Cyrene, Pike County, Missouri. His father, William Hugh Smith, belonged to the Baptist Church, and his mother, Isabelle McCune Fullerton Smith, was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He grew up on the farm and was educated in the old log school house in his childhood. He was converted in January, 1870, at Glasgow, Mo., under the ministry of Rev. Thomas J. Gooch, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at that time. He was a student in Pritchett College, and made his home with the Rev. Carr W. Pritchett, whose wife was his father's sister; he decided to act, did so, and was gloriously satisfied in his own room after retiring, and has never had the slightest doubt since. He has always enjoyed religion and has been an active worker in church and Sunday School. He enjoys a full and abiding peace and loves the communion of the people of God. He attended and graduated from Pritchett College, at Glasgow, Mo., with A. B. in 1873, and A. M. in 1879; took graduate work in chemistry at Yale College in 1875 and 1876, and has been teaching ever since. He was married to Miss Emma Marvin Newland, December 27th, 1877, and has three children, Beryl Dean Smith, Walton Caples Smith and Shirley Steele Smith. He considers his call to the Chair of Chemistry and Physics in Central College in June, 1886, in which position he has served twenty-one years, as the most important event in his life. During 1901 and 1903 he was also acting president of Central College. In 1900 he issued a volume of poems of 100 pages, entitled "In Many Moods." He is also the author of a "History of Central College," a prepared for a government volume on Higher Education in Missouri, in 1898, and has written a semi-centennial song, words and music, for Central College, which is just out.



MISSOURI CONFERENCE

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MACON, MO.

1. J. H. French
2. G. E. Tanquary
3. C. N. Broadhurst
4. Thos. H. Swearingen
5. G. M. Gibson
6. T. G. Petree
7. Fielding Marvin
8. W. F. Packard
9. J. A. Snow
10. Unidentified
11. B. W. Fielder
12. A. V. Bayley
13. L. F. Parker
14. J. C. Diggs
15. R. Wilkinson
16. L. B. Madison
17. G. B. Hitch
18. T. P. Middleton
19. J. H. Bishop
20. Unidentified
21. J. A. Mumpower
22. J. A. Wailes
23. W. E. Dockerg
24. W. F. Ready
25. J. F. Wyatt
26. J. W. Garvin
27. T. A. Allison
28. The same
29. J. A. Merchant
30. J. O. Whitworth
31. J. P. Godbey
32. Dr. S. Kennerly
33. Unidentified
34. C. A. Lewis
35. L. N. Wagner
36. A. M. Bedford
37. Unidentified
38. G. W. Nollner
39. Wm. F. Bell
40. H. C. Bolen
41. W. H. Roper
42. W. S. Woodward
43. Unidentified
44. Ward M. Baker
45. S. O. Maughas
46. Unidentified
47. H. C. Morrison
Missionary Secretary
48. J. D. Hunt
49. J. Y. Blakey
50. C. K. Shilling
51. Marion Moore
52. J. E. Keller
53. W. F. McMurry
54. W. S. Rooker
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58. W. C. Maggart
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60. L. P. Siceloff
61. C. B. Harris
62. I. T. Nash
63. Geo. W. Penn
64. C. W. Collett
65. A. S. Bowles
66. Martin E. Lawson
67. J. E. Fisher
68. J. T. Kinsey
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89. John Anderson
90. W. B. Llewellyn
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92. W. J. Parrin
93. J. T. McDonald
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96. T. M. Patterson
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99. J. L. Taylor
100. Dr. B. Winn
101. R. M. Neale
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103. J. H. Hubbard
104. E. M. Cupp
105. D. C. O'Howell
106. John Robson
107. Z. M. Williams
108. J. R. A. Vaughan
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110. H. A. Smith
111. S. H. Renfro
112. D. R. Shackleford
113. Unidentified
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116. J. H. Hagar
117. Dr. Jno. D. Hammond
118. R. J. Bigham
Cor. Sec'y of Education
119. Unidentified
120. John Holland
121. Mrs. Homer Tuggle
122. P. P. Ellis
123. T. B. Farry
124. E. D. Swartz
125. Homer Tuggle
126. Miss Minnie Buckley
127. C. W. Herley
128. Unidentified
129. Unidentified
130. J. B. Rice
131. W. C. Rice
132. S. W. Cope
133. Robert White
134. R. M. Dameron
135. Mrs. R. M. Dameron
136. Bishop W. W. Duncan
Presiding Bishop
137. J. M. Dempsey
138. Unidentified
139. J. A. Mitchell
140. J. B. Parnell
141. J. C. Kindred
142. D. F. Bone
143. Unidentified
144. Dr. Jno. D. Vincil
Sec'y of Conference
145. J. M. Proctor
146. Unidentified
147. A. B. Sanderson
148. C. T. McAnally
149. Dr. Daniel Morton
Church Extension Sec'y
150. J. L. Meffert
151. H. M. Myers
152. C. I. Vanderventer
153. J. J. Watts
154. Frank Siler
155. Mrs. C. T. McAnally
156. Jno. F. Shores
157. R. H. Cooper

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REV. JOHN D. VINCEL, D. D.

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1806—CENTENNIAL APPOINTMENTS—1906.

ST. CHARLES DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder.....C. O. Ransford
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Troy Station.....J. A. Mumpower
Troy Circuit.....C. L. Hess
Clarksville Circuit.....J. M. Boon
Elsberry Circuit.....C. W. Gow
Defiance Circuit.....W. B. Rigg
O'Fallon Circuit.....J. H. Sneed
Wright City Circuit.....J. L. Roberts
Warrenton Circuit.....S. H. Milam
Jonesburg.....G. E. Eaves
Belleflower Circuit.....J. W. Slade
New Florence Circuit.....J. W. Ham
Laddonia Circuit.....W. C. Russell
Frankfort and Bowling Green.....
.....To be supplied
Vandalia Circuit.....E. W. Reynolds
Winfield Circuit.....W. E. Akers
Silex Circuit.....D. R. McBee
Center Circuit.....V. J. Millis
Louisiana Station.....E. D. Watson



REV. CHARLES ORRIN RANSFORD.

After Calvary has been seen in the midst of the eternities it can Nevermore be doubted that God is love—*Bishop Marvin.*

Son of Charles Orrin Ransford and Elizabeth Abbott Ransford, was born in St. Joseph, Mo., April 6, 1868. His mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted and joined the Church November 20, 1887, under the ministry of the late Rev. Julien C. Brown, D. D., then pastor of Francis street. He was licensed to preach, June 10, 1889, by the Francis Street Quarterly Conference at St. Joseph; Rev. A. G. Dinwiddie, D. D., P. C., and Rev. R. H. Cooper, P. E. After he was licensed to preach and at intervals during his college vacations he assisted the pastors of our churches and in mission work in St. Joseph. He was recommended by the Hundley (St. Joseph) Quarterly Conference in August, 1893, Rev. J. M. O'Bryen, P. E., for admission to the Missouri Conference, and was received during September, 1893, Bishop A. G. Haygood presiding. He was ordained Local Deacon by Bishop A. G. Haygood at Monroe City September 17, 1893, and traveling Elder September 4, 1898, by Bishop W. A. Candler at Memphis, Mo. He received his education in the Public schools of St. Joseph, Central College and Vanderbilt University. He married Miss Maude Francis Blackburn November 25, 1897, and the names of their children are Charles Orrin, Jr., Willie Elizabeth (deceased), and William Blackburn. He was for four years Assistant Secretary of the Conference under the late Dr. John D. Vincil, and has been chosen secretary in his place since his death. His appointments have been as follows: Memphis Circuit, 1893; Memphis Station, 1894; student Vanderbilt University and supply at Dublin and Brooklyn, Northern Mississippi Conference, 1895; Hunewell, 1896-97; New London and Hydesburg, 1898-99; Centralia Circuit, 1900; Centralia Station, 1901; Brookfield, 1902; New Franklin, 1903-04; Norborne Station, 1905; Presiding Elder St. Charles District, 1906.

He has helped to pay off some of the church debts of the Missouri Conference, and has never hesitated to take hold of even the hardest field. His work as Secretary of the Missouri Conference has been eminently satisfactory, and all recognize him as a worthy successor of the Rev. John D. Vincil, D. D. His preaching and business training will make him notably efficient in his work as Presiding Elder.



REV. JOHN ABRAHAM MUMPOWER.

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All that is purest in purpose and holiest in life and tenderest In sympathy and sweetest in mercy and freest in charity and Fairest in virtue and most beautiful in character are the direct Inspiration of the Christian Religion.—*Bishop Galloway.*

Rev. John Abraham Mumpower was born near Haynesville (now Holt), Clay County, Mo., January 8, 1842. His father, David Mumpower, was baptized in the Lutheran Church, and his mother, Amanda M. F. Gray Mumpower, baptized and reared in the Presbyterian Church. Both became ardent, loyal Methodists in his early boyhood. The son was converted and joined the church under the ministry of Rev. Wesley G. Miller, D. D., at Chillicothe, Mo., February, 1857. He attended the High School at Chillicothe under Rev. W. T. Ellington, and was licensed to exhort by the Chillicothe Quarterly Conference, April 19, 1862; Rev. W. T. Ellington, P. C., pro tem., acting president. By the same Quarterly Conference and under the same president pro tem. he was licensed to preach, August 9, 1862. He was recommended to the Missouri Conference for admission on trial by the Spring Hill Quarterly Conference, Chillicothe District, of 1864; Rev. William Kettron, P. E., and admitted in September 1864, at the Conference at Mexico; Rev. Andrew Monroe presiding, (in the absence of the Bishop). He was ordained Deacon at Macon City, September 8, 1867, by Bishop E. M. Marvin, and ordained Elder at Chillicothe, September 19, 1869, by Bishop George F. Pierce. He was married to Miss Lucy West Carr, April 27, 1871, and two children were born to them, Alpha Givens, who died in infancy, and Beta Eloise, now Mrs. Jno. M. Sosey, of Palmyra, Mo. His appointments have been as follows:

Maysville, 1864; Albany, 1865; Yellow Creek (Bucklin), 1866; Savannah, 1867-1869; Weston, 1870; Presiding Elder Gallatin District, 1871, 1872; Carrollton, 1873; Gallatin, 1874, 1877; Presiding Elder from February to September to fill vacancy of Rev. W. M. Wood, deceased; Macon, 1878, 1881; Presiding Elder Fayette District, 1882, 1885; Presiding Elder Mexico District, 1886, 1889; Mexico, 1890, 1891; Palmyra, 1892, 1893; Gallatin, 1894, 1895; Plattsburg, 1896, 1897; Presiding Elder Macon District, 1898, 1900; Presiding Elder St. Joseph District, 1901, 1904; Presiding Elder St. Charles District, 1905; Troy, 1906.

He has no complete record of the number of people he has received into the Church, but it may be truly said that in the early years he was a good revivalist and held meetings of great power. He has been helping to pay church debts all his life and built the parsonage at Macon City. As Presiding Elder it has fallen to his lot to superintend the erection of a great many churches and parsonages. He grounded himself early in life by reading the greatest Methodist authors and later read with great interest and profit Bledsoe's Theodicy. The greatest crisis in his life came when he committed all his fortunes to the work of an itinerant Methodist preacher. It may truly be said of Brother Mumpower that his brotherly spirit and wise counsel have been a great blessing to Missouri Methodism.



REV. WILLIAM B. WHEELER.

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Life is probation, and the earth no goal
But starting point of Man; compel him strive,
Which means, in Man, as good as reach the goal.
—*Robert Browning.*

By Rev. T. H. B. Anderson, D. D.

Our Brother is of massive frame; might be called a man for emergencies. He is militant, ecclesiastically and nationally; is absolutely fearless. He could lead an army in the face of grape and cannister. "San Juan Hill" or "Little Round Top," would set his nerves in tune and be music. Nevertheless, he is gentle in home-life; the kindest of husbands, the most indulgent of fathers; the truest of friends. Nor is he a man who *must* have his own way. He will hear others, and take advice, *provided* he has confidence in the giver. He has filled important charges as the reader will see. The erection of that beautiful church edifice at Carrollton, was his work, being the pastor. In school he studied Latin, German and Spanish. He has a well-selected library, and reads to good advantage. He is fond of historic incidents; indeed, his strength in the pulpit consists in utilizing stirring scenes found in civil and ecclesiastical history. His plan of discourse is his own. Sentences short and epigrammatic, have the rattle of musketry along the line of battle. He hits hard; often the enemy is wounded. He is strong mentally; orthodox in faith, and tremendously in earnest. He has given much thought and time to the material interests of the Church. He is a good man to engineer a difficult business problem. The first twenty-five years of ministerial life, the preacher should have the sun by day and the lamp by night as headlights. He should do nothing but tunnel through granite —laying a good foundation against the time to come—old age. Our subject, Rev. W. B. Wheeler, has not only a massive physique, but mind; and there is no subject he could not master. At Macon City, he succeeded Rev. H. C. Garrett, who built the new Church and provided by subscription for most of the money. The burden —the last payments—came upon Brother Wheeler. In this he had the cheerful co-operation of the Church. He left there, as at Carrollton and Gallatin, a great company of friends. Additional to his ministry, he was connected with schools more or less for fourteen years. In Missouri, from 1877 to 1880; in Illinois, from 1881 to 1882; in New Mexico, from 1883 to 1886. He was President of the Las Vegas Female College, Colorado; also connected with the public schools of that state, 1887-8. Was Superintendent of Schools of Logan County, 1889; and while principal of Logan High School was a member of the committee that formed the Curriculum of the State Schools. He was one of the seven who re-wrote a large part of the school laws of Colorado. He was educated in Shelbyville High School, and in Shelbina College; Prof. Ripley, President.

His wife, Mrs. Wheeler, is a most admirable character, and a helpmate, indeed. The little family around them are attractive, cultured and figure in the social life of the Church.

REV. JOSEPH ALLEN.

In vital communion with God we are transformed, and become, Not by formal adoption only, but by actual regeneration and Participation of nature, His children.—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Miss Mary Louise Dalton.

One of the heroes of early Methodism in Missouri was the Reverend Joseph Allen, who was a man of great talent and devoted to his work of evangelizing the West. He was born in Henry County, Virginia, came to Missouri about the year 1827, and died in St. Charles County, Missouri, in 1835. His father, William Allen, was married twice. By his second wife, Ann Smith, he had five children, Susan, Robert, Joseph, Pines and Frances.

Rev. Joseph Allen was married twice. By his first marriage he had a son named William. He married, second, Rachel May, daughter of Captain John May, a soldier of the Revolution, born in Buckingham County, Virginia, and of Elizabeth Hunter, his wife, born in Campbell County, Virginia, daughter of James Hunter, Sr. John May died March 20, 1884, in his eighty-eighth year, and his wife died July 17, 1848, in her eighty-seventh year.

The children of Joseph and Rachel (May) Allen were William M., Robert L., Elizabeth M., John P., Joseph J., Susan A., and Rachel.

Of the career in North Carolina of Joseph Allen this mention was made in a letter written in 1894 by Dr. Robert Hunter Dalton, a native of North Carolina, then in his eighty-eighth year, whose mother was a cousin of Rachel May Allen: "Joseph Allen was distinguished in North Carolina as an eloquent preacher and legislator, and was the grand uncle of John, the M. C., whose father was my youthful playmate."

The Rev. Carr Waller Pritchett, who never saw Joseph Allen, but who knew his family well, gives the following account of him and his family:

"In the fall of 1835," writes Mr. Pritchett, "my father emigrated from Henry County Virginia, and settled in St. Charles County, Missouri, on what was known as the 'Allen place.' Rev. Joseph Allen had died there the preceding summer or autumn. His widow, Rachel Allen, a sister of Captain Charles P. May, was living on the place with her two young daughters, Susan and Rachel, and her sons, Robert, John and Joseph. The two young girls both died in early womanhood, and John and Joseph died young, though John was first married to his cousin, Martha Allen, a daughter of Pines Allen, a brother of Rev. Joseph Allen. The son, Robert, became a man of influence and distinction in Warren County, where he became a judge of the court, married Miss Ann Pendleton, near Camp Branch, was a very influential member of the Methodist Church for many years before his death. An older brother, William M. Allen, lived and died near Wentzville. Rev. Joseph S. Allen, of the Missouri Conference, was a son of Robert Allen. He died some years ago, and is fondly remembered.

"The elder Joseph Allen, who died in 1835, was a roving Methodist itinerant, who chose his own field and traveled over Missouri and Illinois, holding meetings and preaching the Gospel. Fifty or more years after his death I have heard men refer to the time and place of his meetings. I have heard that he was an humble, consecrated, self-denying man, and was the honored instrument in the conversion of many people in North Carolina, Missouri, and Illinois. He lies buried about 150 yards west of the old dwelling house, and when I last saw it, the grave was unmarked. His widow, Rachel Allen, survived him many years."

William M. Allen, the oldest son of the Rev. Joseph Allen, married Mary M. Shelton, his cousin. They lie buried in the cemetery at Wentzville. Their children were: Elizabeth F., now deceased, married George S. Myers; Rachel A., married Thomas C. Boyd; Joseph J., died in childhood; Tabitha S., married Rev. Joseph S. Allen; Mary M., now deceased, married Warren W. Walker; William S., died in infancy; William H., married Emma E. Simms; Nannie F., married Thomas Riddle.

In 1846, during the administration of Governor John C. Edwards, William M. Allen represented St. Charles County in the state legislature. He was senator from his district, then the first, in 1850, under Governor Austin A. King.

REV. JOSEPH S. ALLEN.

Family tradition produces wonderful results upon Personal Character.—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Rev. H. A. Bourland, D.D.

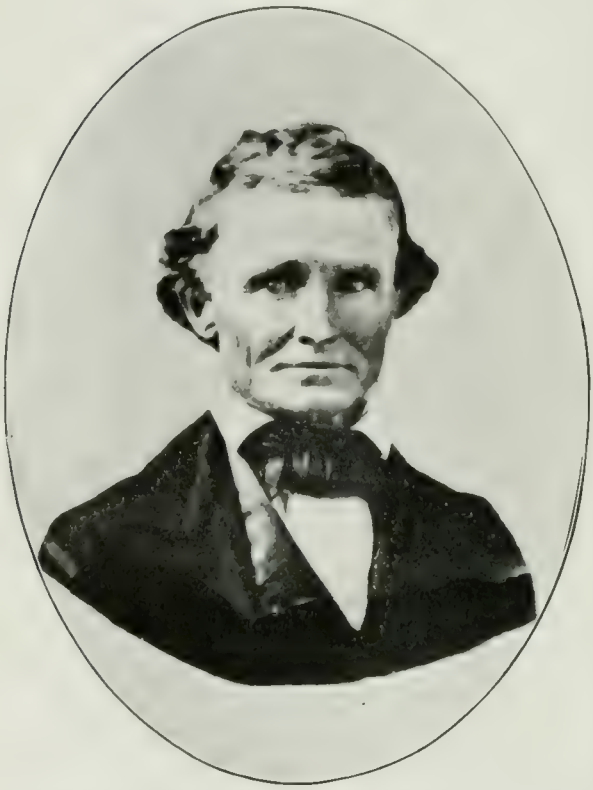


Rev. Joseph S. Allen, son of Robert L. Allen and Ann Allen, was born in Warren County, Missouri, April 17th, 1841. In his childhood he was happily converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Soon after his conversion a definite call to the ministry came to him. A deep sense of the responsibility involved in such a vocation, caused hesitation and he began to prepare for the study of medicine. After acquiring such education as the common schools furnished, he matriculated in St. Charles College then under the presidency of Rev. W. H. Anderson, D. D., in the autumn of 1895. At this juncture my acquaintance with young Allen began. We were room-mates in the home of Rev. John W. Robinson. I knew his inmost heart and the struggles through which he was passing. The civil war coming on, his college course was abruptly terminated and he returned to his home at Wentzville, Missouri. On the 15th day of June, 1862, he was united in marriage with Miss Tabitha Allen. Three girls came to bless their happy union —two of them died in infancy, one Annie, at the age of twenty-one, passed into the great brightness. Brother Allen finally yielded to his conviction to preach and was licensed in 1864, and was at the ensuing Missouri Conference assigned work. His appointments were, Wright City, O'Fallon, Jonesburg, Fulton and Auxvasse Circuits, Louisiana Station and was then made Presiding Elder of St. Charles District, which he filled acceptably four years. Then he was assigned to the Troy Circuit three years. In the midst of the third year he was stricken with a fatal malady and died in a hospital in St. Louis, whither he had gone for an operation, January 22nd, 1895. Joseph S. Allen was a manly man, a sincere Christian, an Israelite indeed in whom was no guile. Gentle as a woman, he was loved by all who knew him. Brave in the discharge of duty, he could be trusted with responsible positions. Untiring in service, he labored beyond his strength. As a preacher he was sensible, strong and pathetic. Without any attempt at oratory or eloquence, by the manifestation of the truth, he commended himself to very man's conscience in the sight of God. Under his ministry sinners were convicted and converted and believers were edified. His influence was potent for good in all circles, whether on the street among men of the world, in the home, or in the church. Always and everywhere he bore himself with dignity and honor. He bore in his bosom the white flower of a spotless life, and many in the last day shall rise up and call him blessed. His companion survives him and cherishes his memory and awaits the reunion with husband and children in the home of the blessed.

MR. WARREN WALKER.

In Faith the Soul actually affiances itself to Christ.—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Miss Mary Louise Dalton.



Warren Walker, son of Joel and Sarah (Gauss) Walker, was born in North Carolina, January 15, 1799, and died in St. Charles County, Mo., February 17, 1863. He was married to Miss Mary Baker May in Rockingham County, North Carolina, May 15, 1828, by the Rev. Edwards. The young couple removed to Cheatham County, Tenn., where their first child was buried. In the summer of 1830 they came to Missouri and settled on a farm near the present town of Wentzville, St. Charles County.

Mary Baker (May) Walker, born April 3, 1807, died December 3, 1893, was the eldest child of Charles Powhatan May, a soldier of the War of 1812, and Ursula Allen Johnson, his wife. Charles P. May was a son of John May, a soldier of the Revolution, and Elizabeth Hunter, his wife, a daughter of James Hunter, Sr. The children of Warren and Mary Walker were: Robert Allen, died in infancy; Mary De Graffenreid, married first, Ferdinand Stone Whitehead, second, Horace T. F. Linn, died in 1887; Sarah Allen, died in youth; Benjamin Franklin, married Frances Allen, died in 1869; Warren Washington, married, first, Mary M. Allen, second, Mary (Goodfellow) Forster; Elizabeth A., died in childhood; Harriet Ursula, married William R. Dalton; Charles Joseph, married Hattie F. Shore.

Warren and Mary Walker united with the Methodist Church in their youth in North Carolina. In Missouri, they held their membership first in "Old Bethlehem" church, then a log school house, and later in the Flint Hill Church, now abandoned. Their home, "Cedar Grove," was always open to the Methodist preacher, and a generous hospitality to all was practiced there. Bishop Marvin was invited to dine at Cedar Grove on that Sunday in the summer of 1841 after he had preached his first sermon. Among those who visited in that home, the special friends of Mr. Walker, were Bishop Marvin, Rev. Andrew Monroe, Dr. B. F. Johnson, Rev. W. A. Mayhew, Rev. George Penn, Rev. Wm. W. Redman, Rev. Bond, Rev. S. W. Cope, Rev. D. T. Sherman, Rev. R. G. Loving, Rev. W. M. Newland, Mr. David K. Pitman, Captain Campbell and Mr. Lloyd Dorsey.

For many years Warren Walker was class leader in his church. He was a man truly upright, proficient in good works, and a devoted Christian. The heritage of his good name is one of the most precious possessions of his descendants. His impartiality of opinion and sound judgment won for him the confidence of his neighbors. In Missouri in those early days questions in dispute were frequently submitted by the parties in controversy to arbitration by a third person. Warren Walker was often the adjudicator of his community. He was public spirited. Before 1840 he had provided for a school for his own and his neighbors' children, and had given to the school district an acre of land which was named "Rockingham School" in honor of his home county in North Carolina, which name it bears today. The last year of his life was spent in invalidism, patiently borne.

REV. JESSE ANDREW WAILES.

The giving of Christ's life was for the recovery and enrichment
Of our Life.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Rev. Jesse Andrew Wailes was born February 18th, 1863, in Shelby County, Missouri. He is a son of John W. Wailes and Mary P. Wailes, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the greater part of their lives. He was converted in 1872, under the ministry of Rev. L. Rush, and joined the Church the same night of his conversion. It had always been his desire to be a Christian, but when he went to the altar and joined the Church he felt that he had received additional strength, but his conversion was not sudden. He grew in grace until he was fifteen years old, when he distinctly felt the call to preach the Gospel, but not wishing to preach, he began to make excuses, and finally told God that he would not preach, and from that time lost his religion. He kept up the form of religion, but was devoid of the power for five years, when, through providence directing Rev. J. A. Snarr and Rev. W. W. McMurry, he was aroused, and after a desperate struggle with self and the devil, he surrendered, and God again blessed him and he entered His service. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Shelbyville Circuit, February 9th, 1884; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference July 19th, 1884, and he was received into the Annual Conference in September of that same year; Dr. Wm. M. Rush, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Parker, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop McTyeire at St. Joseph, Missouri, September 12th, 1886; ordained Elder by Bishop Hendrix, at Gallatin, Missouri, September 9th, 1888. He served the following appointments: Warrenton and Wright City Circuit, 1884-1885; Monticello Circuit, 1885-1889; Clarence Circuit, 1889-1890; St. Charles District, four years. Quite a number were converted and received into the Church under his ministry. He obtained his education in the public schools of his county. He was married to Miss Hattie J. McRoberts, August 25th, 1885, and two children were born to them, Jessie Lee Wailes and Lulu May Wailes. He considers the most important crisis in his life was when all alone in the woods he decided the question whether he would do his duty and preach, or fail to do his duty and go down to hell. The struggle lasted several hours, and he was exhausted in the contest. He finaly surrendered to God, and he says the greatest crisis in his life was passed then and he was God's from that time forward.

Brother Wailes also filled Monroe City Station and Shelbina Station. Since that time he has been in California. There his first wife died, and he is now married the second time. Brother Wailes is a strong, popular preacher, and he holds an audience to good attention.



REV. GEORGE WALTER BRUCE, A. M.

Sermonem vitae praetendentes.
Holding forth the Word of Life.—*St. Paul.*

George Walter Bruce, son of Dr. Lucien N. Bruce and his wife, Dorinda Rutherford, was born in Fayette County, Tenn., October 29, 1860. At the age of seven he moved with his parents to Bruceville, Texas, which was his home for 28 years. Here he had the good fortune to grow up on a farm, to do any kind of farm work; and is proud of the fact that he spent the year 1873 in driving four yoke of oxen, helping thereby to put in cultivation 200 acres of prairie land. In his early life he attended the country schools; later the Agricultural and Mechanical College near Bryant, Texas, under military discipline; finally graduating at Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, in 1882, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and in 1883, Master of Arts. During his last year at the University he was tutor in Latin. He was converted in his room March 25, 1881, whereupon he commenced an active Christian life. He spent seven years as Vice-President and Professor in Centenary College at Lampasas, Texas. It was here that he felt called to preach and was admitted into the Northwest Texas Conference on trial, at Lampasas, Texas, Bishop Keener, Presiding. He was appointed to his work in the College for four years succeeding. Then for five years was in the pastorate, serving Circuits and Stations. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix and Elder by Bishop Key. In February, 1895, he was married to Ida, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brady, of Nevada, Missouri, and is the father of six children.

He was elected President of St. Charles College at St. Charles, Missouri, August 16, 1901, re-opening this once famous institution the 14th day of September, 1901, with six scholars. His knowledge of the benefits of the Military training prompted him to recommend to the Board of Curators of the College that it be made a Military School, which was done the second year of his administration and it has steadily grown in attendance until the two College buildings are now fully crowded and more buildings and equipments are demanded. The General Assembly of the State passed an act making St. Charles Military College a Post of the National Guard of Missouri and requiring the Governor to commission the President as Colonel.



MR. JOHN STONE AND FAMILY.

One of the Oak Grove families living now near Elsberry, Missouri. Mr. Stone is a Methodist and his wife belongs to the Gillum family, one of the well-known Methodist families of Lincoln County. This is a fine family of children and they are to be commended for their industry and worth.

REV. JAMES MARTIN BOON.

Whom we call Master is at once the historical Jesus of Nazareth, And that ideal form which becomes more and more glorious as Man's mortal capacity increases.—*Dr. W. R. Nicoll.*



Rev. James Martin Boon was born April 6th, 1847, in the City of Memphis, Tennessee. He is a son of Benjamin F. Boon and Martha S. Boon, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted August 12th, 1870, at Kosciusko, Mississippi, in a meeting conducted by Rev. P. A. Johnston, assisted by Rev. Charles B. Galloway. Five days later at the same place he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. For days he had been under the deepest conviction produced by a sermon preached by Brother Johnson, but refused to yield and did not until he heard a very tender appeal from Brother Galloway. For three days he sought the forgiveness of God for his sins and the salvation of his soul, but as he was not willing to make a full surrender, the blessing did not come; however, when he did surrender, he was instantly and consciously saved. His growth in grace has been steady and ever onward and upward, and today he knows that he is more willing to do God's will than ever before, that he loves his fellowmen as he once did not, and he can truly say, "My heart is fixed, O God! my heart is fixed." He was licensed to preach September 3rd, 1870, by the Quarterly Conference of the Kosciusko Circuit; Rev. P. A. Johnston, preacher in charge, presiding in the absence of the Presiding Elder, the Rev. F. M. Featherstone. He was recommended to the North Mississippi Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of Kosciusko Circuit, in the month of November, 1870. He was received into the Annual Conference on trial in November, 1870; Rev. F. M. Featherstone, P.E., and Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, at Columbus, Mississippi, December 3, 1871; ordained Elder by Bishop Robert Paine, at Grenada, Mississippi, November 30, 1873. He has served the following charges: North Mississippi Conference, Indian Bayou, one year; Lake Bolivar, one year; Iuka Station, one year; Richland Circuit, two years; Macon Station, one year; Wood Street, Water Valley, Miss., three years; Presiding Elder Holly Springs District, one year; Holly Springs Station, three years; Macon Station, two years; Southwest Missouri Conference: Sedalia Station, one year; Jefferson City Station, two years; Nevada Station, two years; Brooklyn Avenue, Kansas City, one year; Booneville Station, two years; Presiding Elder Lexington District, four years; Brooklyn Avenue and Olive Street, three years; Webb City, one year; Sedalia, one year; Monett, one year; Missouri Conference, Sturgeon Circuit, two years; his present charge is the Clarksville Circuit. He has received about fifteen hundred persons into the church under his ministry. Five churches were built on his first work, one on his second, also the Olive Street church, at Kansas City, and a Mission church at Webb City; several parsonages have been built and paid for under his pastorate. His education was received at the public schools and the High School in Memphis, Tennessee. He was married to Miss S. E. Chew, June 3rd, 1873, and they have two children, Bessie, the wife of Dr. Ralph I. Alexander, and Laura Porter, the wife of Dr. Walton E. Taylor. Deciding to give himself up to the work of the ministry has been the most important crisis in his life. He thinks the Christian College of vital importance, if we are to have the best type of citizenship in the state.



REV. ELLIOTT WHITFIELD REYNOLDS.

The Churches are bound to be vehicles of the grace of God, Living centers of evangelical energy and force, changing ever The secret life that is in them into the lives that are to be.—*Dr. Fairbairn.*

By Rev. E. D. Watson.

Elliott Whitfield Reynolds, the son of Rev. George A. and Margaret M. (McClanahan) Reynolds, was born March 19th, 1834, at Bluestone, Tazewell County, Virginia. Both parents were Methodists, his father being a Local Elder and teacher in the Holston Conference. When but ten, he joined the church under the ministry of his pastor, Rev. John Hyden, but was not converted until two years later under the ministry of Rev. J. T. Frazier, then his pastor. Three years later he became convinced of his call to the ministry, but tried for some time to shake off the conviction, finally yielding in 1875, being licensed to preach by the East Tazewell Quarterly Conference, Jeffersonville District, Holston Conference, held at Bluestone, Va., September 4, 1875; Rev. George Stuart, P. E., and Rev. W. H. Kelly, P. C. He then attended school one year, after which he taught school for three years. On June 28th, 1879, he was recommended to the Western Virginia Conference for admission on trial, by the Quarterly Conference of Raleigh Circuit, Charleston District; Rev. John H. Hendrickson, P. C., and Rev. W. R. Chambers, P.E. He was received into the Conference at Clarkesburg, W. Va., September 4, 1879, and ordained Local Deacon by Bishop D. S. Doggett, September 7, 1879. He was ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Granbery, October 14, 1883, at Huntington, W. Va. He was married to Miss Emma Bird Rider, of Williamstown, W. Va., December 21, 1887, and they have one son, Floyd Wilson Reynolds. His appointments have been: In Western Virginia Conference, Green Circuit, 1879; Braxton, 1880, 1881; New Martinsville, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885; Clarksburg, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889; Guyandotte, 1890; Transferred to the Missouri Conference and appointed to Montgomery City, 1891, 1892; Auxvasse, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896; Mexico Circuit, 1897; Jonesburg, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901; Ellsberry, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905; Vandalia, 1906.

MR. DAVID KYLE PITMAN.

The Substitute has suffered, and pardons are freely dispensed to All who come to God by Christ, and the Agency of the Spirit Conveys divinest significance of love.—*Bishop Marvin.*



Mr. David Kyle Pitman was born December 20th, 1805, in Richmond, Kentucky, and moved with his parents to St. Charles County, Missouri, in 1812. He died at the home of his son, Dr. Pitman, in Kirkwood, April 13, 1891. He was a son of John Pitman, and his mother was Mrs. Margaret Price, nee Irvine. He continued to live on the same farm his father settled, until a short time before his death, making an almost unbroken residence of seventy-eight years. He was twice married, first to Miss Caroline Hickman, of Kentucky, in 1827, who died in 1832. From this union were three children, Carrie and Lydia, who died in childhood, and Richard H. Pitman, founder and professor of Woodlawn Seminary, O'Fallon, Missouri. His second marriage was to Miss Eliza H. Baker, in 1834, who died in 1887, making his married life with his last wife extend through the unusual period of fifty-three years. There were also three children by this marriage: John, now Dr. Pitman, of Kirkwood, Miss Annie Pitman, who married Mr. Wm. S. Glanville, and died leaving a daughter, Mrs. Edward Carter, of St. Louis, and Baker Pitman, who died in infancy. His life spanned from the first to the last decade of the 19th Century—the most wonderful in the world's history in its advancement and in its offered opportunity. He united with the church in 1834, and in his well-used Bible, written with his own hand, stands this date—"June 30th, 1834"— which was the date of his conversion. He got religion after the manner of the times, by strong wrestling in prayer to God, and he continued to hold fast the profession of his faith without wavering. He was converted while going on a trip on horseback from Missouri back to Kentucky. From that day forward he continued to have access by faith unto that grace that enabled him to rejoice in hope of the glory of God. He first joined Mt. Zion church, and then became principal, founder and builder of the church at Cottleville, of which he remained a member until removed by death. He filled the offices of trustee, steward, class-leader and Sunday School Superintendent for many years. From the time lay delegation was adopted, he was regularly elected to District, Annual and General Conferences, and in every capacity served the Church well. The preacher and the Conference had no more wise or safe adviser. He was connected with the St. Charles College from its incipiency until the day of his death. He was just fifty years the President of the Board of Curators. "Uncle David" was a noble specimen of humanity, of fine and commanding form, with kind and gentle manners, and sympathetic in his feelings.

PROF. RICHARD HICKMAN PITMAN, A. M.

The product of the seed-planting of Cavalry has, up to this Time, been but as the first handfuls of the great harvest.—*Bishop Marvin.*



The Southern Methodist Church has rarely ever sustained greater loss in the death of one man than it did, November 24th, 1893, when Prof. R. H. Pitman was called from earth to Heaven. He was an honored son of Mr. D. K. Pitman, so well known in church circles throughout Missouri. He was born July 30th, 1830, in an elegant country home near Cottleville, St. Charles County, Missouri. Those who knew him as a boy say he was vivacious, manly and ambitious. He entered St. Charles College in 1846, and graduated in 1850. He was married to Miss Ella Virginia Ward, March 15th, 1852, and was a devoted husband and father to the day of his death. He was for a few years in the mercantile business in Cottleville, after which he founded Fairview Seminary (a select school for young ladies), twelve miles west of St. Charles, in 1861, where he labored most successfully thirteen years. He was then called to the Presidency of Howard College, Fayette, Missouri, in which capacity he served two years. He then returned to O'Fallon, Missouri, and established Woodlawn Seminary, where for sixteen successive years he was diligent in educating young ladies from various parts of the state. In the summer of 1892 he retired from active life and removed to California, where he spent the remainder of his life in quiet on a fruit farm in San Jose. He was a man of strong personality. He was gentle, sympathetic, affectionate, truthful, generous and brave, had a big, warm heart, was fond of his friends and forgiving toward his enemies. Socially, he was in the truest sense a gentleman. He was dignified, polite and cordial. The rich and poor alike shared his hospitality. Mentally, he was far above the ordinary was scientific, philosophic and logical; was broad in his views upon all subjects. He was gifted in oratory, was magnetic and often profound. While Mr. Pitman was an admirable character from whatever side we view him, he was pre-eminently a Christian. He was converted at a camp meeting at Old Mt. Zion, St. Charles County, in 1849. If nothing more could be said of him we would say enough in declaring that he was a man whose life was dauntless in his passionately loving allegiance to Jesus Christ. One so gifted in prayer was never known. A friend said, "Heaven and earth never seemed so to blend as when he heard Mr. Pitman pray." For more than twenty years he was Sunday School Superintendent. There was no abatement in his religious zeal; he seemed to have a real passion for leading souls to Christ. His life is the source of a stream of Christian influence which deepens and widens with the flight of time, and shall continue so to do until those who heed his precept and follow his example shall put on immortal robes and with the beloved departed mingle their voices in hymns around the throne. This page has been presented by his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Pitman Orr, of St. Louis.

REV. DANIEL T. SHERMAN.

His God-ward relation was always close and intimate.
—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*

The sainted Daniel T. Sherman was the son of Daniel Sherman and Sylvia Sherman, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was born in New York, March 21st, 1816. He was converted at Ebenezer Camp Ground in Warren County, Missouri August 8th, 1834, and united with the church then and there. The preachers were Rev. R. H. Jordan and Rev. Nelson R. Bewley. To his mother, under God, he felt more indebted than any other. Her teaching and godly example had a most potent influence in his early and after manhood life. He was impressed in childhood days with the necessity of salvation, so that for years he was resolving to give his heart to the Saviour, but did not fully surrender to Him until his eighteenth year. His conversion was clear and its witness satisfying to his heart. Soon after his conversion he was more and more impressed with the need of a full salvation and found great help in reading Mr. Wesley's Plain Account of Christian Perfection. He had preached the doctrine for forty years, but never saw nor realized clearly its simple condition of attainment, until at a meeting held in his own charge in March, 1879, when he felt in his heart perfect rest, perfect peace and perfect love. In September, 1837, he was admitted into the Annual Conference that met in St. Louis, Missouri; Bishop Soule was the Presiding Bishop, and Rev. A. Monroe, Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon at the session of the Conference at Fayette, by Bishop T. A. Morris, and was received the same year into full connection; was ordained Elder by Bishop Soule in 1845. His first appointment was the Bowling Green Circuit, 1837; Richmond, 1838; Columbia, 1839; traveled Danville Circuit, 1845-1846; Bowling Green, 1847; St. Charles Circuit, 1848; Warrenton, 1849-1850; Savannah, 1851-1852; Hannibal Station, 1853. In 1866 he took work in the Illinois Conference, and was a member of that Conference seven years, and was then transferred by Bishop E. M. Marvin to the Missouri Conference, performing his work loyally and faithfully until he was superannuated in September, 1881. Some five or six churches were built or projected under his ministry, and one parsonage. He was twice married. His first marriage was to Mrs. Sylvia Jane Bewley, the widow of Rev. N. R. Bewley, January 11th, 1838. Five children were born of this union, only two of whom are living, Joseph N. Sherman and Mrs. Eliza R. Williams, of Colorado. His second marriage was to Miss Clara Howard in St. Charles County, Missouri, October 26th, 1849. By this marriage he had nine children, four of whom are living. Mrs. Sylvia H. Bangs, Mrs. Mary A. Brown, Miss Ella H. Sherman and Dr. George H. Sherman. Brother Sherman wrote: "I have often felt the pressure of strain from want of sufficient support on many of the charges I have filled during my itinerant labor. Although cast down, but not destroyed, the Lord has been very good to me and mine. Knowing what I do of the trials and privations of the work of the intinerant ministry, if I had life to live over, and I believed God had called me to the work, I would most cheerfully enter the field and thank God who had counted me worthy of so high and holy a calling. The Bible is and has been during my Christian life the book before all others. It has been the habit of my life to read this daily and read it conscientiously."

REV. WALTER CLARENCE RUSSELL.

For God more bounty show'd, giving Himself to make man capable
Of His return to life.—*Dante.*

By Rev. E. D. Watson.

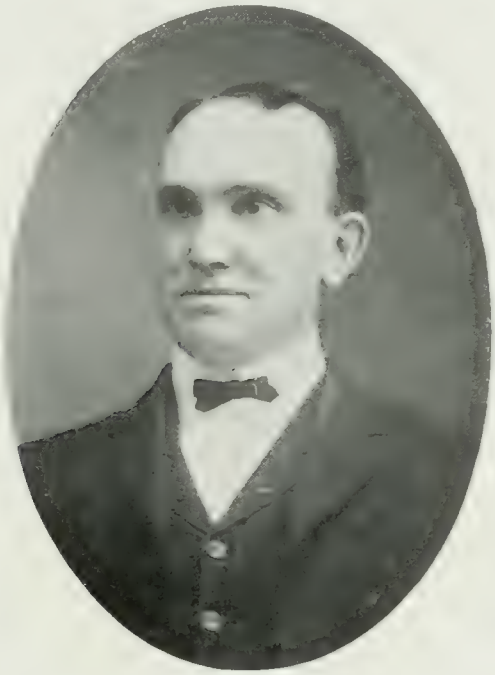
Rev. Walter Clarence Russell was born on the homestead farm near Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, Missouri, September 21st, 1877. His parents, Francis L. and Florence E. Russell, were both staunch Presbyterians, but having no church of their own near, worshipped in a nearby Methodist Church. The son was converted in a meeting held near his home in August, 1898, having joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Columbia, the previous month. He attended the school near his home, then the public school in Columbia, and afterwards the Columbia High School. Convinced of his call to the ministry, he proceeded to make what preparation his limited means afforded, and accordingly attended Central College, Missouri University, and the Moody Institute at Chicago. He was licensed to preach by the Fayette District Conference at Clifton Hill, May 3rd, 1899; Rev. John Anderson, D.D., P.E. He was recommended, March, 1903, by the Fayette District Conference at Armstrong, Rev. R. H. Cooper, P.E., for admission into the Missouri Conference, and was received on trial at Mexico, Missouri, September 3rd, 1903, Bishop C. B. Galloway presiding. He was ordained Deacon at Palmyra, Missouri, by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 3rd, 1905. He was married to Miss Elsie Linn Points, February 25th, 1903, and their children's names are Myra E. Russell and Ruth L. Russell. His appointments have been: Dalton, 1903, 1904; Laddonia, 1905, 1906. While he has been preaching but a short time, he has received about one hundred souls into the Church. He gives great credit to his mother's instructions at home, and it was through her influence that he was converted. He has felt that God has never left him, though at times he came near folding his talent in a napkin and laying it away. Yet, through all the vicissitudes of life God has called him to come up higher, and now he has the full assurance that he is God's child. He has been a diligent reader of good books -Shakespeare, Pilgrim's Progress, Tennyson's Poems, Burns and Wesley's Sermons. His views on Christian education are sound, and this is what he says: "Our Methodist educational institutions will decide very largely the destiny of our Church in the future, and do much to shape the future of our great state."



REV. EDGAR DAVID WATSON, A. M.

The Cross is not a human thought; it is an eternal Proposal of Love.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

Edgar David Watson was born in St. Charles, Mo., Sept, 30. 1865. He comes from a long line of Methodist ancestry. His grandfather, David Watson, was a charter member of the first class formed in Pike County, about 1816, serving as Class Leader, Steward, Trustee or Sunday School Superintendent for nearly forty years. His father was an honored, able, now sainted, member of the Missouri Conference, while his mother, Mrs. H. B. Watson, is still living at Palmyra, a loyal Methodist. The son, dedicated to God from infancy, thoroughly trained in religious matters by mother and grandmother, brought up under the very shadow of the Church, knew nothing in boyhood but to fear God and love the Saviour. He became a backslider in his early teens, from which prodigal state he was reclaimed under the ministry of his father, and joined the church at Columbia, Mo., in the spring of 1882. He graduated from the Missouri State University, A.B., 1886, A.M., 1889; taught school for 12 years at Shelbina, Louisville (Ky.), Palmyra, Richmond, Lexington. He was married to Miss Bertie Spencer, daughter of the lamented Rev. B. H. Spencer, of honored memory, Sept. 5, 1895, and they have two children, Berry Bascom and Berenice. He was licensed to preach at Palmyra by that Quarterly Conference, March 9, 1892; Rev. Thompson Penn, P.C. and Rev. John Anderson, D.D., P.E., and was ordained Local Deacon by Bishop C. B. Galloway at Hannibal, Mo., Sept. 6, 1896, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, Sept. 7, 1902. As a local preacher he supplied Parkville from January to September, 1897, and Salisbury from March to September, 1898. He was recommended for admission by the Fayette District Conference in April, 1898; Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, P.E., and received into the Missouri Conference at Memphis, Sept. 2, 1898; Bishop W. A. Candler presiding. His appointments have been Elmo, 1898, 1899, 1900; Kirkville, 1901, 1902; Glasgow, 1903, 1904; Louisiana 1905, 1906.



REV. JOHN HENRY SNEED.

Whoever strives forward with unswerving will,
Him can we aye deliver.—*Goethe.*

By Rev. E. D. Watson.

Rev. John Henry Sneed, son of Nicholas and Mary J. (Hupman) Sneed, was born in Augusta County, Virginia, August 27th, 1864. His father was a Methodist, his mother a Lutheran, but the latter soon afterwards united with her husband's church. The son was converted and joined the church under the ministry of Rev. W. H. Woolfe at Trimble School House, Virginia, when ten years old. Though convinced of his call to the ministry from that time, he disregarded the call for twenty years, until the loss of all his property brought him to his sense of duty. Preparing himself as best he could so late in life, he answered his call, was recommended by the Mexico Quarterly Conference, Rev. J. H. Pritchett, P. C., and Rev. D. C. O'Howell, P.E., and was licensed to preach by the Mexico District Conference at Centralia, March, 1895; Bishop W. W. Duncan, presiding, and Rev. D. C. O'Howell, P.E. He was recommended to the Missouri Conference for admission on trial by the Mexico District Conference held at Fulton in 1897, Rev. R. H. Cooper, P.E., and was admitted at Albany, September 2nd, 1897, Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Granbery at Fayette, September 3rd, 1899, and Elder by Bishop W. A. Candler, September 8th, 1901, at St. Joseph. He was married to Miss Virginia Missouri Kemp, October 4th, 1891, and they have two children, Arthur Earl and Marjorie Freeta. His appointments have been as follows: Kingston, 1897; Ravenwood, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901: Agency, 1902; Wright City, 1903, 1904; O'Fallon and Wentzville, 1905, 1906. To date he has received over two hundred people into the Church. Under his pastorate, the Ravenwood church was built, and he remodeled the churches at Old Monroe and Mt. Moriah. While he was educated at the public schools of Mexico, Missouri, he regards the Christian College as the hope of our country. He regards the loss of property as a great crisis in his life. He has read with profit the book written by Bishop Hendrix, "Skilled Labor for the Master."



REV. THOMAS M. TRAYLOR.

Religion is the regnant power in this world.—*Bishop Galloway.*

By Rev. E. D. Watson.

Thomas M. Traylor was born at Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas, January 1st, 1867. His parents, Job and Sarah A. Taylor, were Southern Methodists in early life, but became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church when they moved to Kansas in 1866. Thomas was married to Miss Buena Vista Birch, March 7th, 1889, and she died leaving one child, Myrtle B. Taylor. He was married the second time, June 3rd, 1903, his second wife being Miss Tina Barnes. The second child is Frances Willard. He was converted at Rolla, North Dakota, March 22nd, 1895, under the ministry of Rev. David C. Hunt, a superannuated preacher of the Wesleyan Church of Ontario, Canada, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Rolla, North Dakota. Becoming impressed with his call to the ministry, he began to study, testify, teach and work for the Lord. While carrying on his work on the farm, he superintended a Sunday School, distributed tracts, and worked personally from house to house to get people saved. Having fully settled the question of entering wholly into the ministry, he came to Missouri, and was recommended by the Clarksville Quarterly Conference and was licensed to preach by St. Charles District Conference; Rev. Robert White, P.E., while Rev. T. P. Middleton was his pastor, in April, 1900. The same District Conference recommended him to the Missouri Conference for admission, and he was received on trial at Fulton, Mo., September 14th, 1900, Bishop J. C. Granbery presiding. He was ordained Deacon at Chillicothe, by Bishop A. W. Wilson, September 7th, 1902, and Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 2nd, 1905, at Palmyra, Mo. His appointments have been as follows: Laddonia, 1900, 1901, 1902; Center, 1903, 1904; St. Charels Circuit, 1905, 1906.

Brother Taylor has taken two hundred people into the Church, and in time will doubtless receive many more. He built our elegant new church at Laddonia, which stands very much to his credit. In early life he read David Livingston and Moody, and longed for the unselfish nature which dominated their lives. In his youth he was a devout reader of the Bible, but finally became a doubter of practical Christianity on account of the inconsistent lives of many professed Christians. While yearning for a higher life, he was a non-church goer for seven years. Some friends persuaded him to go to hear a man who had been redeemed from a life of sin, and by this means he was restored to the Christian life. He is now one of our trusted men.



REV. JAMES W. SLADE.

The plan and pattern, the invisible frame-work and Ideal of every Man's life is Christian.—*Dr. James W. Lee.*

Rev. J. W. Slade was born March 17th, 1876, in Tennessee. He is a son of J. P. Slade and Elizabeth Slade, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at home in a corn crib, and joined the church at Corbin, Kansas, when eleven years old. He had been under conviction for two months before his conversion, in a meeting held by a Rev. Mr. Summerville. He says it was not the preaching, but just the spirit in the meeting that convicted him. As he grew older he understood more clearly his duty. For some time he would not give up to preach, but since then he has been made to realize the necessity of being fully given up to His will and his experience has since been brighter. He was licensed to preach by the Council Grove District of the Western Conference in 1899; Rev. H. D. Hogan, Presiding Elder, and Rev. D. R. McBee, preacher in charge. The same District Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and he was received on trial into the Annual Conference in the fall of 1889; Rev. H. D. Hogan, Presiding Elder, and Bishop J. C. Granbery presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix in 1904, at Columbia, Missouri. He has served Shiloh and Laflin Circuits in the St. Louis Conference, and Rayville, Parkville, Frankford, and is now on the Bellflower Circuit, in the Missouri Conference. He has received about two hundred persons into the Church. He attended the public schools and Marvin College, at Fredericktown, Missouri. He was married to Miss Margarette Elizabeth McBee, July 2nd, 1899, and they have two boys, Marvin Ray Slade and James Roy Slade. Brother Slade feels that he has been saved with a wonderful salvation, and he shows his gratitude to God by a life spent in the service of the Master. He is pleasant socially and his people like him.



REV. JOHN WILBURN HAM.

The attitude of the heart is as important as the posture of the Mind.—*Bishop Galloway.*

By Rev. E. D. Watson.

John Wilburn Ham was born in Dunklin County, Missouri, April 28th, 1874. His father, Thomas F. Ham, was a Presbyterian, and his mother, Mary A. Harkey, a lifelong Methodist. At eleven years of age he was converted at "Old Harkey's Chapel" under the ministry of Rev. Thomas Lord, P.C., assisted by Rev. George H. Adams, now in Texas, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Not until eighteen years old did he take any greater interest in the work of the Church than to attend upon the means of grace, but he then felt a deep, growing desire to do something for the advancement of the Kingdom, and he assumed the obligation in every way he could, and finally at twenty-eight years of age, decided to enter the ministry. He was licensed to preach at Potosi, Missouri, May 1st, 1902, by the Farmington District Conference, having been recommended by the Potosi Quarterly Conference; Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, P.E., and Rev. Harry Whitehead, P.C. He was recommended to the St. Louis Conference by the same District Conference, and was received on trial by the St. Louis Conference of 1902; Bishop A. W. Wilson, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix at DeSoto, Missouri, September 25th, 1904, and Elder by Bishop J. S. Key at Carrollton, Missouri, September 2nd, 1906. He was married to Miss Clara Hale Parry, September 7th, 1904, and they have one son, Eugene Russell Ham. His appointments have been as follows: St. Louis Conference, St. James, 1902, 1903, 1904; transferred to Missouri Conference and appointed to New Florence and Trinity, 1905, 1906. Up to the time of this record he has received about one hundred members into the Church. The time of all times in his life was when he decided to preach, after a struggle which lasted for six years. His first preference was the law. He mentions Black Rock as one of the books which he has greatly enjoyed. He attended Marvin Collegiate Institute three years. Of Christian education he says: "The future of our Church in Missouri depends upon the building up and proper equipment of a college to furnish education for our boys and girls. Religious education and the future welfare of our state are closely connected."



REV. JAMES LESLIE ROBERTS.

Blessed is the man who has found his work; let him ask no other Blessedness.—*Carlyle.*

By Rev. E. D. Watson.

James Leslie Roberts, son of Tyre M. and Sallie (Smith) Roberts, was born in Boone County, Missouri, February 4th, 1870. He lost his mother when three years old, and his father when ten. He was converted and joined the Church at Smith's Chapel in Boone County during a meeting held by Rev. H. D. Groves, D.D., who baptized him and took him into the Church. He attended the Columbia public school, Mexico High School, Central College and Westminster College, though never graduating. Having settled the question of his call to the ministry, he was recommended by the Fulton Quarterly Conference; Rev. W. A. Hanna, P.C., and was licensed to preach by the Mexico District Conferencee of 1897; Rev. R. H. Cooper, P.E., and recommended for admission to the Missouri Conference by the same District Conference. He was received on trial at Albany, September 2nd, 1897, Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Granbery at Fulton, September 16th, 1900; and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, September 7th, 1902, at Chillicothe, Missouri. He was married to Miss Maggie Marsh Craig, December 26th, 1898, and they have one daughter, Lorene Elizabeth. His appointments have been as follows: Mechanicsville, 1897, 1898; New Florence, 1899, 1900; Florida, 1901; Winfield, 1902, 1903, 1904; Wright City, 1905, 1906. About two hundred people have joined the Church under his ministry, and he has the promise of many a harvest of souls. He has not been an idler, but has put his hand to the work. He built the beautiful Wesley Memorial Church, St. Charles County. He considers Watson's Institutes as the one great book for him. This he has mastered, and it has moulded into a sound preacher of Methodist doctrine. He feels that the greatest crisis of his life was when he was left without father or mother at ten years of age, and his words are worth quoting. He says: "I have so many times keenly felt my great loss, and my entire dependence upon God, that this condition, sad as it is to suffer the loss of those who love us most, has helped to make my heart more sympathetic, and my life sweeter than it would otherwise have been." He believes in the Christian College as the conservator of all that is good in society.



REV. SOLOMON HARMAN MILAM.

If to the keystone trusts its weight the vaulted arch,
Securely built it then defies time's onward march.—*Goeth.*

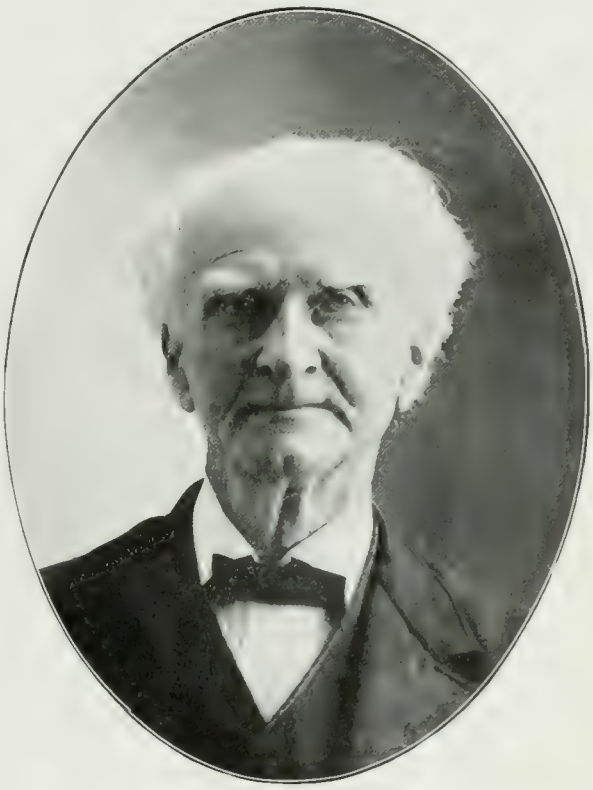
By Rev. E. D. Watson.

Solomon Harman Milam, son of Solomon Milam and Matilda L. Milam, was born March 15th, 1874, near Bloomington, Macon County, Missouri. His parents and grandparents were all staunch Methodists, and he was trained a Methodist. He was converted at seventeen years of age in a meeting held in the Macon High School at Bloomington by Rev. D. H. Root and Rev. Walter Toole, while under instruction of Rev. C. W. Collett at the altar. He attended the Macon High School at Bloomington, afterwards graduating in two schools at Central College, Fayette. He was licensed to preach by the Bloomington Quarterly Conference, November 23rd, 1872; Rev. B. H. Spencer, P.E., and Rev. J. O. Edmonston, P.C. He was recommended for admission to the Missouri Conference by the Bloomington Quarterly Conference, August 30th, 1874; Rev. B. H. Spencer, P.E., and was received on trial at St. Joseph, Missouri, September, 1874, Bishop John C. Keener presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Holland N. McTyeire at Hannibal, Missouri, September 7th, 1876, and Elder by Bishop David S. Doggett at Macon, Missouri, September 15th, 1878. He was married to Miss Phoebe Ellen Moreman, March 15th, 1882, and they have three children, Kathryn, Fred and Ruth Lynn. His appointments have been as follows: Hamburg and Rockport (junior preacher), 1874; Lamar (now Elmo), 1875; St. Joseph Circuit, 1876; Hamburg, 1877; Bucklin, 1878; Lineville Circuit, 1879, 1880; Barnard, 1881; Savannah, 1882; Edina, 1883, 1884; Hunnewell, 1885, 1886; Monroe Circuit, 1887, 1888; Shelbyville, 1889, 1890; P. E. Chillicothe District, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894; Shelbina Station, 1895; Sturgeon, 1896, 1897; Savannah, 1898; Principal Macon District Academy, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902; Warrenton, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906. He has had the pleasure of receiving more than eight hundred members into the Church, and he hopes to receive many more. He has built a church on the Hamburg Circuit, and assisted in building the churches at Lakenan and Savannah. Under his pastorate parsonages were built at Lineville, Iowa, Hunnewell, Monroe City and Warrenton. He has been a faithful student of history, having read such authors as Rollin, Hume, Macauley and others. He feels that he is under lasting obligation to his parents for the sacrifices which they made to educate the family. He writes: "My supreme desire is to perfectly love and obey God, and to live for the betterment of my race."

PROFESSOR JONAS JOHN POTTS, A.M.

E'en silent Night proclaims my soul immortal:
E'en silent Night proclaims eternal day.—*Young.*

By Rev. Bowman D. Sipple.



Professor Jonas John Potts was born near Hillsboro, Loudon County, Virginia, May 19, 1821. He was a graduate and post graduate of Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He became an instructor in his Alma Mater, and for about forty years followed his chosen profession as a teacher of languages and mathematics. Among the institutions benefited by his services were the Buchingham (Virginia) Female College, and eight years principal of St. Charles College, Missouri. During his college days Mr. Potts was converted and became a devout member of the Methodist Church. He was married, December 25th, 1845, to Miss Elizabeth Jane Davis, daughter of Rev. Dr. John Davis of the Baltimore Conference. For fifty-seven years this pair, so well suited to each other, walked together and shared each other's joys and sorrows in such accord that Christian character of a rare type was the product. One who knew them long testifies to the perfect congeniality between these gentle, kind, pure hearts. Memory will fade before the scenes and impressions of the home life in that home can be forgotten. The spell lasts through life. The influence of Professor Potts in the school room must have been the most helpful. His first pupils are now in old age, and his latest pupils are in middle life. Could we receive their testimony one feels sure that they would testify to the fact that he helped to shape sturdy characters. No man was farther from claiming a superior degree of piety, and no man left a deeper conviction in the minds of others that he was not only as pure as the sunlight, but a holy man. The gentle manner and voice and the shinning face left no doubt in the mind of another that the Lord was controlling that life. The last eighteen years of his life were spent in Montgomery City, Mo., in the home of his son-in-law, Judge E. M. Hughes. His wife ascended to her reward three years before Mr. Potts. These years were spent as a student, and as a teacher in the Sunday School. Careful preparation of the lesson, felicitous comments and lectures to the class, and a Christ-like personality built up the class and held the old and the young through many years. At the end of his eleventh year as teacher it was said that he had missed the class but four times. At more than eighty years of age, with ice upon the walk and the mercury far below zero, the faithful teacher would start to his class when pupils much younger would remain at home. By instinct, by the possession of the highest ideals, by the habits of a life time, by the wonderful influence of divine grace, he was suited to the work of a teacher. When death left his own heart lonely, and made his daughter a widow, he was refined more and more for the home above. After a long journey that he might be with his daughter and granddaughter he was planning with the children to plant flowers and to attend the Sunday School. Weary from age, yet wanting to live, he heard the call of his Lord, and departed this life October 2nd, 1905, from the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. E. S. Griffith, in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was buried in Montgomery City, Missouri.



HON. WILLIAM OMAR GRAY, A.M.

The key to every man is his thought.—*Emerson.*

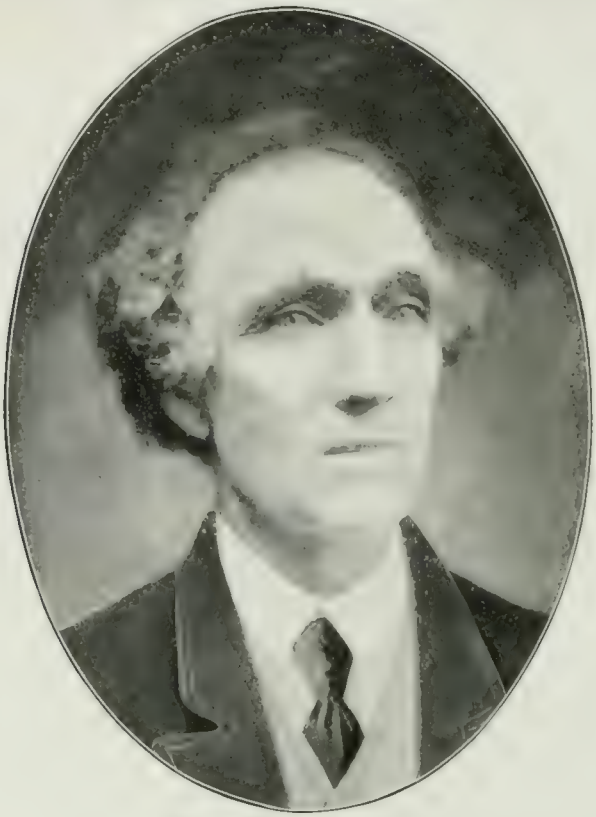
William Omar Gray was born in St. Charles County, Missouri, August 20th, 1849. He is a son of Henry H. Gray and Martha Gray, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted and united with the Church at Sturgeon, Missouri. He obtained his education at the public schools and at Central College, Fayette, Missouri, from which he graduated. He was married to Miss Nettie Gentry, May 22nd, 1879, and they have three children, Henry L., Mabel and William Gray. Brother Gray is always true to his Church, and gives it his influence and means. His wife is one of the best of women, and he has a fine family. He was teacher in Central College two years. After leaving there in 1875, he removed to Pike County, Missouri, where he has ever since resided. He was City Attorney of Louisiana, Missouri, and Probate Judge of Pike County for eight years, and served for several years on the board of curators of Central College. He was a member of the General Conference at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1878.



MR. ADAM T. JAMISON.

Religion has its gentle virtues, patience, meekness, kindliness.—*Bishop Haygood.*

A. T. Jamison, a resident of Clarkesville, Pike County, Missouri, was born near the town of Paynesville, in the aforesaid county and state, on the 20th day of January, 1829. He was married to Rhoda E. Hewett on the 1st day of May, 1856, by Rev. Newton J. Berryman. To this union there were born six children, four of whom are now living. This union was dissolved by the death of his wife on the 11th day of December, 1870. He was married the second time on the 9th day of July, 1872, to Miss Anna J. Dawson, by Rev. W. A. Tarwater. By this union were born five children, four of whom are yet living. His ancestors are of Scotch-Irish descent, and settled in Virginia in the early part of 1700. His parents moved to this state in 1827. They were Presbyterians by education, but were members of the Methodist Church at the time of their departure from this life. Mr. Jamison joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in September, 1853, and has been a member of the Church for more than fifty-three years. He has served the Church during a part of this time as trustee, steward, class leader and Superintendent of the Sunday School. He has been a member of Clarksville Lodge, No. 17, A. F. and A .M., for forty-nine years. He has served his fellow citizens in civil positions as follows: Assessor of Pike County, two terms; Mayor of the City of Clarksville, three terms; Notary Public, six terms, or for twenty-four years; served on the school board for twenty-five years; served Calumet Township, in the office of Justice of the Peace, when his present term expires, twelve years. He is now past seventy-eight years of age, and while he is an invalid and has not walked a step for more than three years, yet his mental capacities are as vigorous as at any time in his life; for which he feels grateful to Almighty God. While he loves God's people of every name and order, he feels peculiarly attached to the Church of his early choice, yet he wishes to go on record that he believes the time has come for one organization of Methodism in the United States. "May God hasten the time when it shall be so."



MR. THOMAS JONES.

Victors over death through Him, they reign with Him in life for Evermore.—*Bishop Marvin.*

Thomas Jones was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina, December 25th, 1821. In 1829, his father moved to Montgomery County, Missouri, and settled where is now the town of Jonesburg, which was named for him, and where the subject of this sketch lived till his death, November 2nd, 1882. He married Miss Juliet Catherine Camp in 1846. To them were born eight children, all of whom are living, five of them in the home town, where the widow still resides. He joined the Methodist Church when sixteen years of age under the ministry of Rev. Bowman, and was ever faithful to his trust, steadfast, abounding in the work of the Lord. He first held his membership at Camp Branch Church and was Sunday School Superintendent for twenty-five years and class leader a number of years. As long as he was a member of this Church he took it upon himself to see that everything was in readiness for the Sunday services; each Saturday one of the darkies was sent the four miles to Camp Branch with wood or whatever was needed to put the house in order. In later years the membership of this Church was moved to Jonesburg, and to the liberality and influence of Brother Jones was largely due the credit, and he made possible the church edifice now owned by this congregation. He served this church as steward and trustee till the time of his death. He was reared by Godly parents in a Christian home. The shouts of his sister, Mrs. Julia Dearing, are yet ringing in the hearts of those who knew her ere she joined His glorious presence; so when he and his wife established their home, it was a Christian home with ever a welcome for Methodist preachers and his greatest pleasure was entertaining such men as Marvin, Jesse Sutton, Monroe, Loving, Spencer, Newland and George Smith. He was a successful farmer, a business man of sterling integrity, a well known and highly respected citizen. He gave cheerfully to all good works. He helped Central College when Bishop Marvin was presenting her claims throughout Missouri Methodism. He lightened the burdens of the poor, he encouraged the despairing, and by his example taught all that it was not only their right but their duty to be happy. The world was better for his having lived in it, and to his wife, his children and his grandchildren, who are faithful friends and workers for Methodism, he left a rich legacy of his blessed memory. Benedictions on the sacred life of a good man such as Brother Thomas Jones.



REV. CLYDE WILSON GOW.

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.—*St. John.*

By Rev. Chas. O. Ransford.

Clyde Wilson Gow was born on his father's farm in Clay County, Missouri. His father, M. D. Gow, was a member of the Church of Disciples of Christ, and his mother, Fannie E. Wilson Gow, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted December 4th, 1883, in a meeting held in the Antioch Christian Union Church at Haynesville, Missouri, conducted by Rev. G. W. Mitchell and Rev. J. V. B. Flack. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Holt, Missouri, being baptized and received by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Winstead. He received his education at Lawson Academy (Presbyterian) and Central College. He was recommended by the Lawson Quarterly Conference, Rev. H. C. Garrett, P.C., and Rev. E. K. Miller, P.E., and was licensed to preach by the Fayette District Conference at Rocheport, Missouri, April 19th, 1898, Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, P.E. He was recommended for admission on trial to the Missouri Conference by the Mexico District Conference, March 28th, 1899, Rev. R. H. Cooper, P.E., and was received on trial at Fayette, Missouri, September 1st, 1899, Bishop J. C. Granbery presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler at St. Joseph, Missouri, September 8, 1901, and Elder by Bishop C. B. Galloway at Mexico, Missouri, September 6th, 1903. His appointments have been as follows: Mokane (supply), 1898; Paris Circuit (supply), February-September, 1900; La Plata, 1900; Marceline, 1901; New London, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905. Here he stayed four years and rendered excellent service in every way and his labors were blessed with gracious revivals every year. He excells as a pastor and organizer, as his work everywhere attests. The League and Sunday School interests receive special and practical attention and development in all modern methods in his pastorate. His appointment in 1906 was Elsberry, where he is now doing excellent work.



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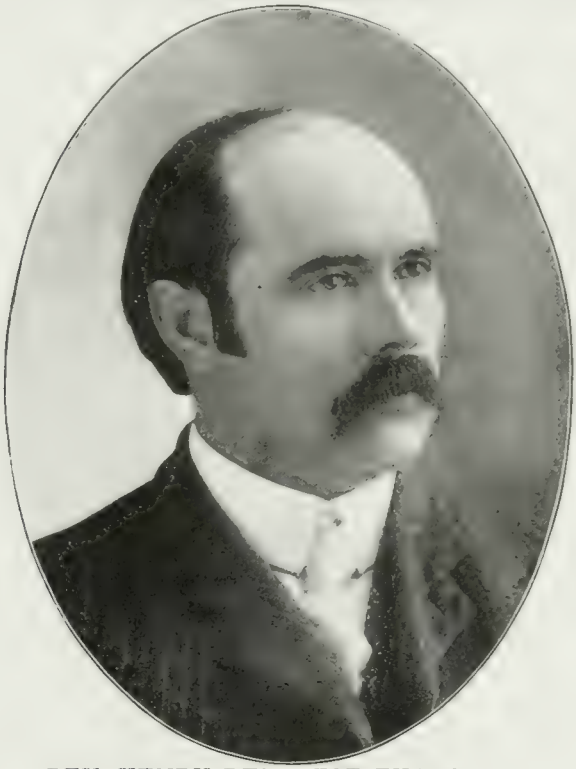
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Mexico Sta.....C. M. Aker
Moberly Sta.....
....R. F. Campbell and J. D. Tussey
Fulton Sta.....C. M. Davenport
Supernumerary, J. H. Pritchett
Montgomery City.....H. D. Thompson
Sturgeon Ct.....J. M. Major
Centralia Sta.....J. R. Abernathy
Hallsville Ct.....W. C. Rice
Wellsville Ct.....J. R. McMurry
New Bloomfield Ct.....W. B. Lewellyn
Mokane Ct.....J. W. Owen
Fulton Ct.....I. W. Keithley
Mexico Ct.....W. A. Smith
Auxvasse Ct.....T. P. Middleton
McCredie Ct.....G. A. Shadwick
Rowena Ct.....H. W. Brewer
Confer'ce Miss. Evan.....C. C. Selecman



REV. AMOS CALVIN BROWNING.

The resources of Truth and power in the Gospel are beyond Human reckoning.—*Bishop Wilson.*

Rev. A. C. Browning was born at Highland, Doniphan County, Kansas, October 20th, 1860. His parents, Rev. George W. Browning and Nancy Browning, were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His father has been a faithful minister in the Church for about fifty years as a local elder. He was converted at Moberly, Missouri, January, 1886, under the ministry of Rev. L. B. Madison, and received into the Church at Moberly, February 26th, 1886. His conversion was just an old-time conversion, and his growth in grace has been gradual. He was licensed to preach by the Second Quarterly Conference of Moberly Station, Missouri Conference, in 1889, Rev. T. G. Whitten, preacher in charge, and Dr. J. H. Pritchett, Presiding Elder; was recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference by the Queen City Circuit, in June, 1890, and received into the Annual Conference on trial at Fayette, Missouri, in September, 1890; Dr. J. H. Pritchett, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Joseph S. Key, presiding. Ordained Deacon by Bishop Charles B. Galloway at Montgomery City, Missouri, in September, 1892; ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at Carrollton, Missouri, in September, 1894. He has filled the following appointments: Queen City Circuit, two years, first year as supply; Callao Circuit, three years; Shelbina Circuit, two years; Brookfield Station, two years; Kirksville Station, three years; Plattsburg Station, three years. He is now filling his third year as Presiding Elder of the Mexico District. He has received seven hundred and twenty-three persons into the Church under his ministry. Under his pastorate the following churches have been built: Bloomington Church on the Callao Circuit, Browning's Chapel on the Shelbina Circuit, over one-half of the Brookfield church, and the Kirksville Church rebuilt. His education was obtained in the public school and Maryville Academy, at Maryville, Missouri. He was married to Miss Victoria Creighton, September 8th, 1886, and they have one child, Roy C. Browning.



REV. HENRY DEFOREST THOMPSON.

It is the men who have looked into the face of their Lord who have Spoken the words of true progress to their own and to other Generations.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Rev. H. D. Thompson is the son of James and Mary Ellen Thompson, who were for the greater part of their lives members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was born at Christiansburg, Virginia, October 2nd, 1866. He was converted and joined the Church under the ministry of Rev. M. V. Smith at Fairview, Virginia, August, 1886. His conversion was simply the ordinary experience of a penitent soul seeking after God. His growth in grace has been constant through the years of his Christian life. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Auburn Circuit, in the Holston Conference, August, 1887; Rev. George Stewart, preacher in charge, and Rev. W. W. Pyott, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of the Monroe City Station, Missouri Conference, in August, 1891. He was received into the Missouri Annual Conference on trial, September, 1891; Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, Presiding Elder, and Bishop R. K. Hargrove, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hargrove at Maryville, Missouri, September 6th, 1891; ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Macon City, Missouri, September, 1895. The following appointments have been served by him: Novelty Circuit, one year; Monticello Circuit, four years; LaBelle Circuit, two years; Kahoka Station, three years; Memphis Station, four years; Montgomery City Station, two years, his present pastorate. A church was built under his pastorate on the Novelty Circuit, and under his pastorate four parsonages have been rebuilt or otherwise much improved. Quite a great many have been received into the Church under his ministry. He was for three years a student in Fairview Seminary (a private school of highest grade) for teachers, and Auburn Normal School for one year. He was married to Miss Nancy Delia Moore, October 12th, 1892. Their children are James DeForest Thompson, Barney Moore Thompson and Samuel Wesley Thompson. The most important crisis in his life was when he decided to give up the profession of teaching for the work of the itinerant ministry. Aside from the word of God, his greatest help has come from the close and diligent study of Watson's Institutes and Ralston's Elements of Divinity. He is an earnest advocate and friend of the Christian College in its vital and essential relation to the progress of the church and the safety of the state.

REV. CECIL MILLER AKER, A.B.

Never was heart in such devotion bound, and with complacency
So absolute disposed to render up itself to God.—*Dante.*

By Rev. E. D. Watson.



Cecil Miller Aker, son of Mr. A. D. Aker and Mrs. A. D. Aker, was born in Grayson County, Virginia, May 15th, 1876. His parents were both Methodists. When nearly grown he came to Missouri to live with his cousin and attended Park College, at Parkville, Missouri. He was converted under the ministry of his pastor, Rev. J. L. Meffert, and joined the Church in December, 1895. His educational advantages have been exceedingly good. He attended the public school and High Point Academy at his home in Virginia, Park College for three years, Central College for three years, graduated from the latter, A. B. '03. He was licensed to preach by the Plattsburg District Conference, April 28th, 1898, having been recommended by the Parkville Quarterly Conference; Rev. W. N. Giddens, P.C., and Dr. E. K. Miller, P.E. He was appointed junior preacher on the Fairfax Circuit in 1898, and was recommended for admission into the Missouri Conference by the St. Joseph District Conference at Elmo, Missouri, March 23rd, 1899, Rev. W. F. McMurry, P.E., and was received on trial at Fayette, September 8th, 1899, Bishop J. C. Granbery, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler at St. Joseph, September 8th, 1901, and Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix at Palmyra, Missouri, September 3rd, 1905. He was married to Miss Adah E. Ross, of Parkville, Missouri, August 2nd, 1899, and the names of their children are Reka, Leota (deceased) and Ross. His appointments have been as follows: Fairfax Circuit (junior preacher), 1898; Professor in Macon District High School, 1899; Cooper's Chapel, 1900; Fayette Circuit, 1901, 1902; transferred to Arkansas Conference and appointed to Hendrix Academy, Stuttgart, 1903; transferred to Missouri Conference and appointed to Vandalia and New Harmony, 1904, 1905; Mexico Station, 1906. He has had the pleasure of receiving about three hundred members into the Church, and he is well prepared to be a real pastor to these souls. Of his growth in grace he says: "My growth has ever been the result of cultivation. The more I study Christ's life, and seek to conform to His example, and to the help of the Holy Spirit, my faith becomes stronger, my hopes brighter, and my love more perfect." He is a student of books and speaks of help received from reading Pilgrim's Progress, Self-Help by Samuel Smiles, and Imitation of Christ. He is clear and strong on the subject of Christian Education; these are his words: "The Christian College is the strongest bulwark of Church and State. Education must not be divorced from morality and religion. The Christian College alone can teach religious principles."



MR. S. P. EMMONS.

The flowers of Paradise bloom in the footprints of the man who Reaches the children.—*Bishop Fitzgerald.*

Brother S. P. Emmons, of Mexico, Missouri, at present Superintendent of one of the best Sunday Schools in the Missouri Conference, has been attendant, Secretary, Teacher, Assistant Superintendent or Superintendent of this same school for forty-two years. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1866, under the ministry of the Rev. Marshall McIlhany, and was baptized and received into the Church by Bishop Enoch M. Marvin. He has served as steward in the Church almost continuously since 1870. He was first elected delegate to the Annual Conference when twenty-five years old and had been a member of the Church but six years, being just eligible under the age rule and the membership rule. Mr. Emmons served as Secretary of the Missouri Conference Board of Missions in 1877, 1878, 1879 and 1880, with Bishop E. R. Hendrix, President and Brother Whitten McDonald, Treasurer of the Board. He is now serving as Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance, having been elected to that position in 1895. For forty years Brother Emmons has been engaged in the mercantile business. He has a choice Christian home. His wife is in thorough sympathy with all religious and philanthropic work, being at present Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Missouri Conference. Brother Emmons stands high as a business man, and he did much in helping to build the splendid new church at Mexico, Missouri. The Church is blessed in the life of such a layman as Brother S. P. Emmons.



REV. RICHARD BOND, M. D.

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He called to God, in the watches of the night, and in the labors And perils of the day, and heard His voice in tender and loving Response.—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*

Rev. Richard Bond, M.D., was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 18th of October, 1800. He was reared by a Christian mother who dedicated him to God and impressed upon his mind the importance of becoming a Christian. He was converted at a Methodist camp meeting in 1818, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. Very soon he felt inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take up the work of the ministry, but resisted the call until the fall of 1823, when he was licensed and preached his first sermon, October 19th, 1823, from Psalms 52:14 and 15. On April 6th, 1824, he was admitted on trial to the Baltimore Conference held at Winchester, Virginia, and was appointed to Northumberland Circuit, where he remained two years. In 1826 he traveled with Bishop McKendree, afterwards serving Fairfax, Prince George, Winchester, Westmoreland, Lancaster, Great Falls, Gettysburg, Chambersburg and Holidaysburg. In 1841 he was transferred to the Missouri Conference and appointed Presiding Elder of St. Charles District, where he remained two years; then to Danville for two years. In 1845 he was appointed superintendent of the American Bible Society for Missouri, in which office he continued—in the language of the secretary: "The indefatigable superintendent" until his death, which occurred March 7th, 1853.

Dr. Bond was married to Miss Eliza Ana Thompson in Warrenton, Virginia, November 17th, 1829. For twenty-four years she shared the joys and sorrows of the faithful itinerant preacher, and was truly a help-meet, gladly bearing her part in all the arduous work, and training her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She was spared until July 12th, 1868, to minister to her children, "Who rise up and call her blessed."

Rev. Daniel Penny, a Father in Israel, in an account of Dr. Bond's death sent to the St. Louis Christian Advocate, says: "Dr. Bond possessed many excellent traits of character, and it will be long before we see his like again. He was truly a wise man in counsel, strong in judgment, active and indefatigable in labors for the good of souls, but in the midst of his labors and usefulness he is suddenly removed from us. But he will long be remembered with affectionate regard by his brethren in the ministry and by the community where he lived for more than ten years."

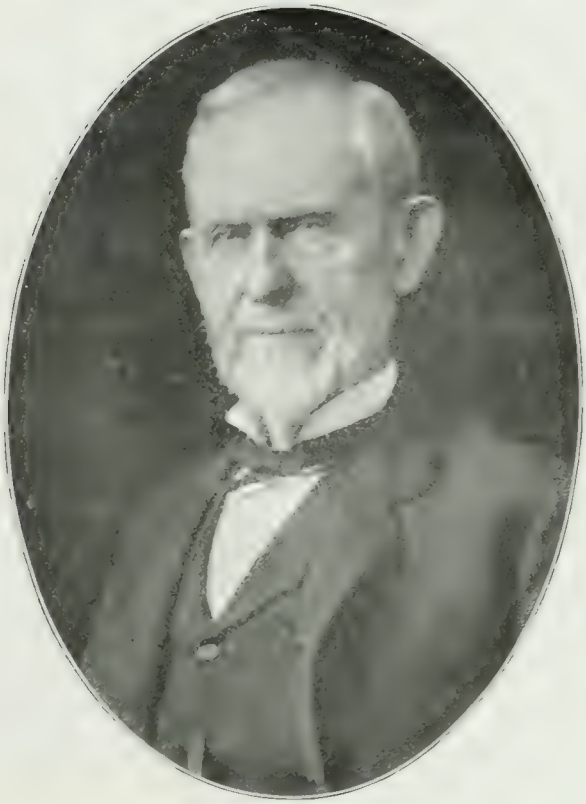
Dr. Bond was a man of wide and accurate information, a strong and effective preacher, especially gifted in prayer and song. In addition to his theological studies, he received the degree of "Doctor of Medicine" from Columbia Medical college at Washington, D. C. He was a man of fine social qualities and took an earnest and intelligent interest in all the affairs of church and state, and also in the welfare of all who came within the range of his influence. Six of his children are now living:—Mrs. Sarah L. McGee, living with her brother, Prof. R. T. Bond, at Fayette, Mo., Dr. John B. Bond, of Little Rock, Ark., Mrs. M. A. McIlhany, who makes her home with her son-in-law, A. B. Cockerill, of Nevada, Mo., Rev. H. P. Bond, El Paso, Texas, and Dr. M. M. Bond of Houston, Texas.

REV. CLAUDE M. DAVENPORT.

Pleasing in form, polished by nature, courteous from the heart, He was meant to be the pattern of youth and the joy of the World.—*Goethe.*



Rev. Claude M. Davenport was born in Sumner, Illinois, November 15th, 1869. He is a son of Henry L. Davenport and Elizabeth Hawkins Davenport, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was converted and joined Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at St. Louis, Missouri, June 7th, 1887, under the ministry of Dr. John Matthews. After attending the regular services at Centenary Church for several weeks he was convicted of sin, but was converted at home while reading the Bible. He was licensed to preach, February 20th, 1890, by the Quarterly Conference of Centenary Church, St. Louis, Missouri; Dr. John Matthews, preacher in charge, and Dr. W. R. Mays, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Centenary Quarterly Conference in September, 1894, and was received into the Annual Conference that year; Dr. W. R. Mays, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix in September, 1894, at Fredericktown, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop W. A. Candler, September, 1898, at De-Soto, Missouri. Appointments filled are: St. Louis Conference, Caledonia Circuit, 1894-1896; Ferguson Station, 1897; Pacific Conference, Trinity Church, Calusa, California, 1898-1899; East Texas Conference, First Church, Beaumont, Texas, 1900-1901; supernumerary on account of ill health, 1902-1903; Missouri Conference, Park Church, Hannibal, Missouri, 1904; Fulton, Missouri, 1905-1906. About 1000 persons have been received into the church under his ministry. Hickory Grove Church at Bismarck, Missouri, elegant parsonage at First Church, Beaumont, Texas, were built under his pastorates, with several other building enterprises started, but left for his successor to complete. His education was received at the St. Louis Grammar School, Polytechnic High School, St. Louis, Missouri, Southwestern Electrical Institute, St. Louis, Missouri. He was trained for a commercial career, but after entering upon a business life, the call to the ministry came, and he obeyed the call at once. Dr. John Matthews personally directed his theological studies, and this he values more highly than any theological course at any theological school on earth. He was married to Miss Maude S. Forline, June 3rd, 1891, and their children are Rae Eleanor Davenport, who is now dead, Marjorie Ferne Davenport, and Helen Vivian Davenport. Drummond's "Natural Law," Van Dyke's "Gospel for an Age of Doubt," and "Gospel for a World of Sin," McCabe's "Divine Nescience," and Bruce's "Apologetics," are some of the books that have proven beneficial in his Christian life. His idea of the Christian College is that it is absolutely essential to the moral welfare of the state, and that it is the great bulwark of the Church against unbelief.



MR. WILLIAM DOUGLAS BUSH.

Loving Man for Brotherhood and God that lives in Man.—*Arnold.*

William Douglas Bush was born November 19th, 1827, in Montgomery County, Missouri. His father, Green B. Bush, and mother, Sarah Bush, were both members of the Baptist Church. He was converted in February, 1853, under the ministry of Bishop E. M. Marvin, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Danville, Missouri, at the same time. He had been reared in the atmosphere of the Church and Sunday School, but formally decided for Christ in a revival conducted by Bishop Marvin. Since the time of his conversion there has been an ever-widening view of God's goodness to him and an ever-deepening sense of his obligation to his Redeemer. He was married to Miss Emma Owings, November 13th, 1860, and their children are Nellie, Eva, Ada, Ida, Charles W., and Arthur W. Bush. He was steward and superintendent of the Danville Sunday School for eight years; superintendent of the Fulton Sunday School for ten years, and has been steward and trustee of the Fulton church twenty-three years, and chairman of both boards for the past ten years. Brother Bush is a fine business man and one of the best of friends.



REV. ROBERT FLEMON CAMPBELL.

As bees mix'd nectar draw from fragrant flowers, so men from Friendship, wisdom and delight.—*Young.*

Robert F. Campbell, son of R. F. Campbell and Nancy A. Campbell, comes of Methodist stock. His parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was born in Johnson County, Missouri, February 9th, 1867. He was converted very early in life, but did not join the church till November, 1884, under the ministry of Rev. L. W. Pearce at Lee's Summit, Mo., in the Kansas City District, South-West Missouri Conference. From infancy he was taught to love God. His growth in grace has been constant and uneventful. His experience in laboring, suffering, rejoicing in service to God and for His people has produced rich fruit in his own Christian life. In all his labors he has enjoyed the leading of the Lord and His grace has ever been sufficient. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Lee's Summit, Southwest Missouri Conference, December, 1884, Rev. C. C. Woods, Presiding Elder, and Rev. L. W. Pearce preacher in charge. He was recommended for admission on trial into the South-West Missouri Conference by the Quarterly Conference of Lee's Summit in the spring of 1888. He was received on trial into South-West Missouri Conference September, 1888, Rev. C. H. Briggs, Presiding Elder, Bishop E. R. Hendrix presiding; ordained deacon at Clinton, Missouri, September, 1890, by Bishop Joseph S. Key; ordained elder by Bishop C. B. Galloway at Independence, Missouri, September, 1892. The following have been the order of his appointments in South-West Missouri Conference: Gunn City Circuit, 1888-1889; Garland Avenue, Kansas City, 1889-1890; Carterville Station, 1890-1891; Joplin Station, 1891-1893; Lamonte Station, 1893-1895; transferred to Missouri Conference, 1896, and stationed at Memphis, where he remained four years; Shelbina Station one year; Macon Station two years, and is now closing fourth year at Moberly Station. He has received about 2,000 persons into the church.



REV. JOHN DAVID TUSSEY.

Of what high worth the Vow, which so is framed, that when Man offers, God well-pleased accepts.—*Dante.*

Rev. John David Tussey, son of George W. Tussey and Lucinda E. Tussey, was born November 4th, 1882, at Taswell, Orange County, Indiana, but was principally reared at New Albany, Lloyd County, Indiana. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted when fourteen years old at Old Pleasant Hill Church in Stoddard County, Missouri, in August, 1896, under the ministry of Rev. S. C. Biffle. For almost a week he had been under deep conviction, but he went to the altar one night and left it all with Jesus and a wonderful peace and joy came to him. Ever since the day he turned his face toward God he has been expecting and receiving greater things of Him. Yielding himself more and more to His will, he has found himself continually growing in grace and love. More and more does the path glow unto the perfect day and perfect love casting out fear is his desire and longed-for ultimatum. He was licensed to preach by the Poplar Bluff District Conference, April 26th, 1898, at the age of sixteen; Rev. C. M. Cagle, pastor, and Rev. H. M. Eure, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the St. Louis Annual Conference by the Charleston District Conference in May, 1900; and was received into the Annual Conference on trial at Fredericktown, Missouri, in September, 1900; Rev. W. B. North, Presiding Elder, and Bishop W. A. Candler, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, September 23d, 1902, at Farmington, Missouri; will be ordained Elder at the coming session of the Missouri Conference to be held at Moberly in 1907. He has filled the following appointments: Pocahontas, as supply, one year; Graysboro and Huzzah, one year; McDoe and Ellington, one year; Talma Circuit, one year; St. Charles Circuit, one year; Central College and Renick, one year; assistant pastor Moberly Station, one year, and is also his present work. About one thousand persons have united with the church during the years of his ministry. His education was received at the Advance High School, St. Charles Military College, and Central College, Fayette, Missouri. He was married to Miss Susie Marguerite Griffith August 15th, 1906. Some of the books which have proven beneficial to him have been Watkinson's "Duty of Imperial Thinking," Lee's "Making of a Man," and many others of like character.

REV. WILLIAM MUNFORD POPE.

It is in the mood and act of prayer that divine things become
More real to us.—*Dr. Gross Alexander.*

By Rev. H. D. Thompson.

Rev. William Munford Pope is a Texan by birth, having been born at Knoxville, Texas, September 27th, 1870. His father and mother were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His father was for many years a steward and Sunday School Superintendent. He was converted at Troupe, Texas, in April, 1889; Rev. F. J. Browning preacher in charge, and Rev. L. L. Pickett holding the meeting. He joined the church at the age of ten years, under the ministry of Rev. Albert Little. He had been a member of the church for several years before he experienced conversion. He was greatly moved, felt himself a great sinner, and after making some restitutions and confessions, he gave his heart to God and was graciously converted, clearly and unmistakably. He is a believer in the Methodist doctrine of perfect love, and has experienced a growth in grace. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Beaumont, Texas, November 14th, 1891; Rev. G. V. Ridley, preacher in charge, and Rev. F. J. Browning, Presiding Elder; recommended for admission on trial into the Indian Mission Conference by the Quarterly Conference of Checotah Circuit, September 17th, 1894, and admitted into the above Conference at McAlester, Indian Territory, in 1894; Rev. J. Y. Bryce, Presiding Elder, and Bishop R. K. Hargrove, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove at Ardmore, Indian Territory, November 3d, 1895; ordained Elder by Bishop H. C. Morrison at Norman, Oklahoma, November 6th, 1898. He has served the following appointments: Checotah, as supply, 1894; Keokuk Falls, 1895; Sapulpa Circuit, 1896-1897; Nowata, 1898-1899; Muldrow, 1900; Hale Circuit, Missouri Conference, 1901-1902; Cedar City, 1902-1904; Fulton Circuit, 1904,1905; Sturgeon Circuit, 1905-1906. He has been a faithful minister, having received four hundred and eighty-five persons into the church. He has built under his pastorates, the parsonage and church at Sapulpa, Indian Territory, a church on the Nowata charge, a parsonage at Hale, Missouri, and church and parsonage at New Bloomfield, Missouri. He attended the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas. He was married to Miss Victoria LaRue, December 26th, 1894, and their children are Claudia Pope, Madaline Pope and Kenneth Pope. They have one child who died in infancy, named LaRue Pope.



REV. JOHN WESLEY OWEN.

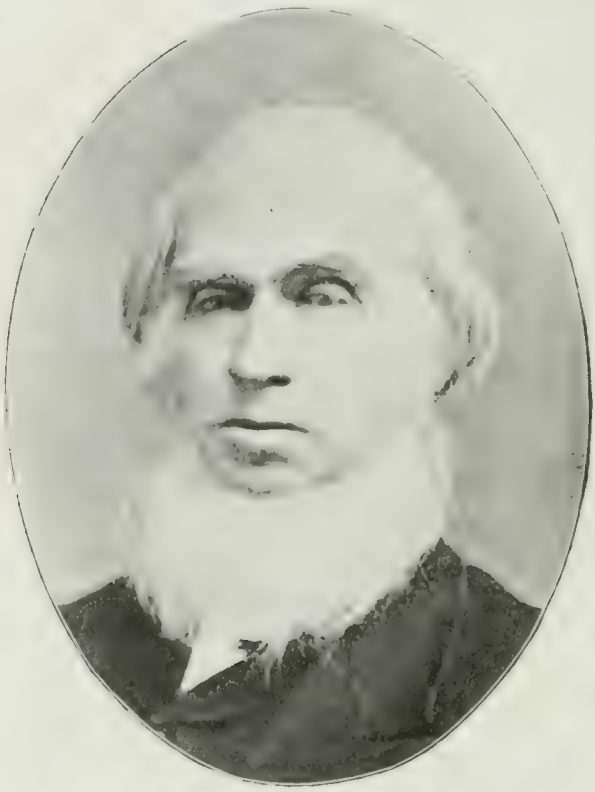
The claims of the Holy Scriptures have been fully admitted in My profoundest thought, and have become, therefore, the Basis of Faith.—*Bishop Marvin.*

Rev. John Wesley Owen was born September 26th, 1857, near Black Oak, in Caldwell County, Missouri. His parents, Sanford Owen, and Elizabeth Owen, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in the fall of 1873, when about sixteen years of age, under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Adee, at Black Oak, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the following winter and was baptized by Rev. G. Tanquary. He was converted instantaneously and received the conscious witness of the spirit to that great fact. It came as the bright shining of the light into his conscious being, dispelling all sense of condemnation and giving sweet joy and peace. He made some growth in grace during the first few years of his Christian life, but did not grow as rapidly as he desired until he entered the ministry, and is making more rapid growth now than ever before because he is more prayerful and a more careful student of God's word. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Black Oak, of the Mandaville Circuit, in the spring of 1878; Rev. J. P. Nolan, D. D., being the Presiding Elder, and Rev. H. T. Leeper, pastor in charge. Dr. Nolan has long since gone to his reward on high, and Rev. H. T. Leeper is a superannuated preacher. The Quarterly Conference of the Mandaville Circuit in the Chillicothe District, recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in August, 1880, and he was received into the Annual Conference at Richmond, Missouri, in the fall of 1880; Rev. R. A. Austin, Presiding Elder, and Bishop J. C. Keener, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop George F. Pierce, September 19th, 1881, at Moberly, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Parker at Shelbina, Missouri, September 21st, 1884. Brother Owen has filled the following appointments: Milan Mission, two years; Memphis Circuit, one year; Queen City and Brashear Circuit, one year; Paris Circuit, two years; Kirksville Station, one year; La Plata Circuit, one year; Shelbina Circuit, one year; Marceline and Bucklin, two years; Mexico Circuit, four years; Elmo Circuit, one year; Savannah Circuit, one year; Skidmore Circuit, two years; Triplett Circuit, three years; Jamesport Station, one year; Maysville Station, one year; Pattonsburg and McFall, two years; he is now filling his first year at Mokane, Missouri. About five hundred persons have been received into the church under his ministry, one hundred of this number within the last year. Under his pastorates the church at Queen City and the church at Goss were built, and the church at LaPlata was finished, and the parsonages at Kirksville and Marceline were built. His education was received at the public schools and at Central College. He was married to Miss Lorena L. Besse, February 15th, 1881. He says the most important crisis in his life was when he yielded to the movement of the spirit of God and gave himself to the traveling ministry. Some of the books which have greatly helped him are Marvin's "Sermons," Ralston's "Elements of Divinity," Watson's "Institutes," Wesley's "Sermons," "The Pastor and Missions," "Quiet Talks on Prayer," and "Quiet Talks on Power."

REV. ANDREW MONROE.

He lived as in the immediate presence and constant communion
Of his Maker.—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*

By Rev. B. D. Sipple.



Rev. Andrew Monroe towers up in the history of Methodism in the Central West as a mighty mountain. He was in the early years of the struggle when the emigrant crossed the mountains and plains to the wild regions of the Indian and the buffalo. His name should have been commemorated in a biography of larger proportions than a mere sketch in the minutes. He was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, October 29, 1792, the youngest of a family of eleven children. Four of the brothers became Methodist preachers. He was converted when a youth and joined the Methodist Church in Hampshire county; licensed to preach 1815 by David Young, Presiding Elder, and sent to Fairfield Circuit with Charles Waddell; admitted into the Ohio Conference the same autumn and sent by Bishop Asbury to Cumberland Circuit, Kentucky. In 1824 he transferred to Missouri and was stationed in St. Louis. Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Arkansas were in the same conference. He was returned to St. Louis in 1825; St. Louis District 1826-7, embracing the the entire state; 1828-9, St. Louis Station; 1830, St. Louis District; 1831, left without appointment by his own request; 1832-35 Presiding Elder St. Louis District; 1836-7, Missouri District; 1838, Columbia District; 1839-40, Agent St. Charles College; 1841-2, Agent and pastor St. Charles; 1843, St. Charles District; 1844-5, St. Charles District, and Agent of College; 1846-49, Columbia District; 1850-1, Fayette; 1852-3, Hannibal District; 1854, transferred to St. Louis Conference and made Superintendent Kansas Mission District; returned to Missouri Conference, 1855, and sent to Fayette District; 1856-9, St. Charles District; 1860, Agent for Central College; 1861-2, Fayette Circuit; 1863-4, Brunswick District; 1865, Fayette District; 1866-7, Conference Missionary; 1868-70, St. Charles District; 1871, Conference Missionary. Brother Monroe was a member of eleven General Conferences, and was honored more than once with the presidency of his conference when the bishop was absent. He filled every important office in the ministry except that of the episcopacy. He was twice married, first to Miss Harrison; then to Mrs. Ford—two Godly women who aided him in his work. At the conference of 1870 he conducted the memorial service, and said that they would hold a like service for him one year later. On November 4, 1871, he went to Moberly and preached from Isaiah xxxv., 1, thence to Paris, where he became too weak to proceed, and returned to Mexico to die, after a thousand battles and weary journeys over whole states for his Lord. He asked the pastor, Brother Bourland, to sing Rock of Ages, and pray. He said: "Tell the brethren to stand up for the integrity of Methodism. Upon you younger men now devolves the responsibility of caring for the church. Be faithful." Andrew Monroe takes his place in the Hall of Fame of American Methodism along with Asbury, Roberts, Soule, Greene, Marvin and others who builded an empire and shaped her moral and religious life. The builders of fortunes have been forgotten, and their fortunes have scattered as the mist, but these men will shine more brightly, and their work will enlarge as the ages pass.

REV. THOMAS J. GOOCH.

The cloud is lifted and God is clear in His own essential beauty and glory forever.—*Dr. Bushnell.*

By Rev. B. D. Sipple.



Rev. Thomas J. Gooch was born at Denmark, Madison County, Tennessee, June 4, 1832. Nothing is known here of his early life. The General Minutes make the following record: Entered the Memphis Conference in 1853 and appointed to the Dresden Circuit; Lovelaceville, 1854; Hickman, 1855-6; Bellemonte, 1857; the same charge with colored mission added in 1858; Holly Springs, 1859-60; Granada, 1861; Marshal, 1862; Rock Springs, 1863. The war drove him with his family to Alabama. While there he was elected president of a school at Munford, and also acted pastor at Taledega, nearby. In 1866-7 he was appointed to Sardis Female Institute. A transfer to the Missouri Conference in 1868 brought him to Columbia as a supply; 1869-70, Glasgow; 1872, Carrollton; 1873-4, Mexico; 1875, St. Charles; 1876-7, St. Joseph; 1878-81, Merico; and 1882-3, Presiding Elder of Mexico District. He fell asleep at his home in Mexico, May 1, 1884. He died at his post like a hero. His faith sustained him in his afflictions, which were intensely severe. "I am now testing the gospel I have preached to others for years." "Do you find it sufficient, Brother Gooch?" "Oh, yes; it is all I want. Jesus is my Rock: in Him I trust. All is bright. I am ready to go." The writer of this sketch was the last young man licensed to preach by Brother Gooch as a Presiding Elder. He loved him for his fatherly kindness on that occasion. He knew the Presiding Elder for so short a time that, at a distance of twenty-three years, he prefers to let his memorial in the Minutes speak." Another watchman has fallen from the walls of Zion, another soldier of the cross has been taken from the battlefield and crowned with victory by the Captain of Israel's hosts. His voice, so familiar to thousands in Missouri, which has for years saluted the glad ears of sinners with joyous tidings of salvation, will never again be heard in this world of sin and sorrow. In labors he was abundant, in work continuous, conferring not with flesh and blood. He went wherever duty called him, regardless of bad weather and all other difficulties. Every preacher in his district loved him with a pure heart fervently, because he felt that in Brother Gooch he had a warm personal friend. Among all classes of persons the death of our brother created a profound and widespread sorrow. The community where he labored long and acceptably, and where he fell, mourned him as one endeared to all. His funeral was the most largely attended of any ever held in Central Missouri. The ministers of the various churches were present to bear testimony and to weep at the funeral." Brother Gooch was a man of strong mind, well poised, a forcible reasoner, able to express his convictions, and he was undisturbed by opposition.



REV. JOHN REAGAN ABERNATHY, A.B.

Cast forth thy Act, thy Word, into the ever-living, ever-working Universe: it is a seed-grain that cannot die.—*Carlyle.*

Rev. John Reagan Abernathy, son of James E. Abernathy and Cassandra Abernathy, was born in Hamilton County, Texas, October 29th, 1879. His parents were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he was converted at a camp meeting near Dublin, Texas, under the ministry of Rev. B. F. Gassaway. He was received into the Church in August, 1892. His conversion was the natural outcome of influences that had been brought to bear upon his early life. His father, a saintly man, died when he was but five years old, and his mother and an uncle, Mr. M. T. Abernathy, by whom he was reared, impressed upon him the importance of giving his life to God. He was licensed to preach by the Neosho District Conference held in Carthage, Missouri, April 14th, 1898, Rev. Joseph King, Presiding Elder, having been recommended by the Quarterly oCnference of Neosho. He was received on trial into the Annual Conference, held in Kansas City, Missouri, in September, 1900, Rev. J. B. Ellis, Presiding Elder and Bishop Granbery, presiding. He was ordained Deacon in 1902 by Bishop Wilson, and Elder in 1905 by Bishop Hendrix.

His appointments have been as follows: Lamar, 1900; Washington Street, Kansas City, 1901 and 1902; Vanderbilt University, 1903; Lamar, 1904; Moberly, as junior preacher, 1905, and Centralia, 1906. There have been more than four hundred conversions under his ministry. Brother Abernathy attended Proctor Seminary in Texas one year; graduated from Scarritt College in 1900, and later studied in the Vanderbilt. He was strongly tempted to accept a splendid educat'on in law, then take up a political career, and the fight of his life was to give it up and answer the call of God. McGiffert's "Apostolic Age" and "Gospel for an Age of Doubt," by Vandyke, are books that have been of great help to him.



MR. WILLIAM ROBINSON M'BRIDE.

All God's claims upon us exist in the nature of things; we do
Not make them and cannot release ourselves from them.
—*Dr. John E. Godbey.*

William Robinson McBride was born November 4th, 1833, in Boyle County, Kentucky. He is a son of John McBride and Olivia McBride. He was converted when about nineteen years of age, at Danville, Kentucky, under the ministry of Dr. Robinson, a Presbyterian preacher; he was converted and joined that church. About 1870, there being no church of any denomination in Centralia, Missouri, Brother McBride gave the first one hundred dollars towards building the first church in Centralia. His wife being a Methodist, and there being no Presbyterian church in the town, he began attending the Methodist church, in which he put his letter in 1875. I gather from the church records, and from what former pastors have told me, that Brother McBride from this time on lived a consistent, consecrated Christian life, giving largely of his time, his brain, and his money to the upbuilding of the church and to the cause of Christ, as fully as possible for a layman to do. Before there was a parsonage in Centralia, he was so anxious that God's ministers should be suitably housed, he worked unceasingly until a parsonage was built and paid for, offering to give a dollar for every dollar given by the congregation, which promise was faithfully carried out, and in this way the work was soon done. Quietly and without ostentation, many were the deeds of charity and bequests to poor students striving to gain a foothold. His home was always open to ministers who considered it their second home, being free to come and go as they listed. We feel that possibly more than any one man in his community he did more to advance the cause of Christ. Brother McBride received his education in the public schools of Kentucky. On January 30th, 1866, he was married to Miss Letha J. Adams, and to them were born five children, four of whom are now living, and their names are William S. McBride, Edward J. McBride, Thomas L. McBride and Nettie McBride Leavell. Brother McBride died February 10th, 1902, and was buried in the cemetery at Centralia, Missouri. A good man has gone to his eternal reward on high.



REV. GEORGE ALFRED SHADWICK.

Truth may enlighten and sanctify the mind and heart in all
The stages and processes of development.—*Bishop Granbery.*

George Alfred Shadwick was born at Litchfield, Illinois, September 3rd, 1879. His parents, Robert and Martha Shadwick, were members of the Baptist Church. His mother died when he was nine years old; following this bereavement, he went to live in the home of Dr. J. M. Tate and wife at Calwood, Missouri, under whose godly influence he was brought to Christ. He was converted and joined the church in 1894. He united with the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member until 1904. He says of his conversion: "I have the testimony of God's Spirit that it was genuine." His growth in grace has been marked by a deeper love for the word of God and a more earnest desire to do his will. He was licensed to preach by the Mexico District Conference in 1904; Rev. J. H. Pritchett, D. D., Presiding Elder; was recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference by the same District Conference, April, 1905, and was received on trial into the Annual Conference in September, 1905, at Palmyra, Missouri; Rev. A. C. Browning, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding. He has served two years on McCredie Circuit, and has received into the church about one hundred souls to date. McCredie church has been built by him. He received his education at the public schools and two years in Westminster College, at Fulton, Missouri. He was married to Miss Rachel P. Laws, July 1st, 1903, and they have two children, Lois Irene and Mary Lucile Shadwick. The most important crisis in his life, he says, was when he fully surrendered to preach the Gospel of Christ. He has been a reader of Wesley, Henry Barnes, Spurgeon, and other great men of the Church of Jesus Christ. He believes, and emphasizes his belief, that the Christian College should have the full and hearty support of the entire church.



MR. DAVID GIVENS ATKINSON.

The Lord sends every life into this world for a point, a purpose,
A destiny.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

Mr. David Givens Atkinson was born April 8th, 1862. He is a son of Thomas J. Atkinson and Mary Fisher Atkinson, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Pleasant Grove Church, in Calloway County, Missouri, the church from which Rev. W. A. Hanna, Rev. J. O. Edmonston, Rev. B. D. Sipple, and others came. He was converted in September, 1879, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, May 18th, 1880, at Pleasant Grove, during the pastorate of Rev. George W. Penn. He was converted in a revival meeting. He has experienced a growth in grace from conversion. The things he has undertaken to do for Christ have strengthened his faith, and helped him on in the divine life. He attended the public schools of Callaway County, Missouri, and made good use of his time as a student. He was married to Miss Virginia Gregory, and they have four children, Paul G. Atkinson, Virginia Atkinson, Isabel Atkinson and David G. Atkinson, Jr. He says his acceptance of Jesus as his shepherd, guide and partner in this life and his advocate in the judgment day, has been the most important crisis in his life. His pastor, Rev. G. A. Shadwick, writes of him: "Brother D. G. Atkinson is an official member of our church at McCredie, Missouri. Brother Atkinson is a very faithful man in the church, willing to make great sacrifice for religious work and never tiring of the duties that come to him as a member. He was instrumental, with others, in the building of the new church here, contributing liberally and working diligently. He is a man of good standing in every way. He is worthy a place in the Centennial Volume."

REV. JOHN M. MAJOR.

No man in human society gathers such a harvest of kindly Feeling as the shepherd of souls, none is held in such grateful Memory.—*Ian Maclaren.*

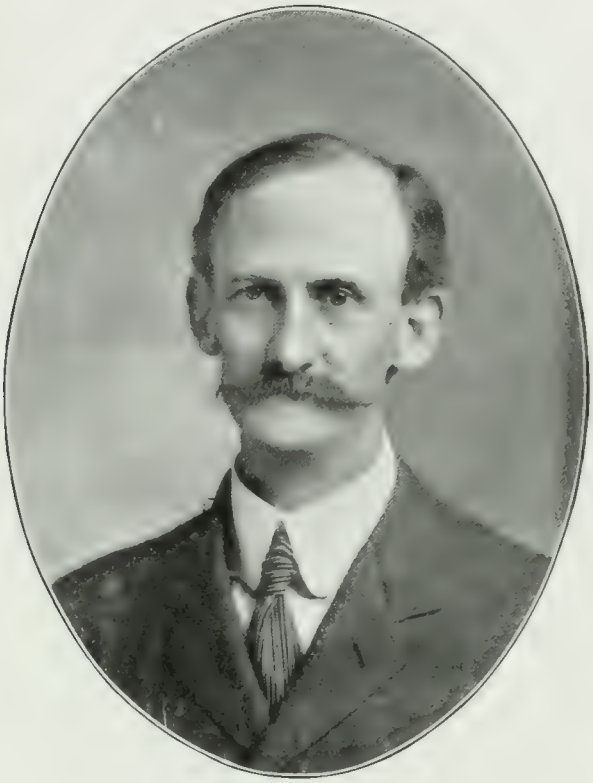
By Rev. T. H. B. Anderson, D.D.



A legend informs us that a chasm opened in Rome. Every effort was made to fill it, but unavailing. Oracles were consulted; at last one gave forth the response that "The most precious thing in Rome must be cast into it." A Roman lieutenant, clad in mail, leaped into it, and it closed above him. Brother Major, as the reader will see, has cast into his ministry the most "precious things." Nothing but a divine impulse could have kept him at its level. He was balked at every point by failing health. Estopped at Southern University; at Vanderbilt; in Colorado—rested a year; failed again, and then transferred to the Missouri Conference. Many would have given up the work, and gone to secular pursuits. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." Heroic man! He belongs to the class who "follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth." Jesus goes into trials, afflictions, fiery furnaces, lion's dens, prisons, poverty. He is always there before His people come hither. He walked in flames with the Hebrew children; locked lion's jaws, and saved Daniel; and has been Brother Major's pillar of cloud and fire. In God's eye he has reached as sublime height in the ministry as the brother who had health. He has "glorified God in the fires;" suffered his will.

First—He belongs to the toilers—men who cultivate Immanual's land. Bishops and Presiding Elders have their work; but the pastor, talk as we may, is the central stream. Without him there would be neither Districts not Conferences. The circuit rider is as necessary to the integrity and success of Methodism as the pastor of the larger Church. The "supply" may not have the privileges of the Conference as others; nevertheless he can preach, hold revivals, receive members, and baptize and administer the Lord's Supper. He has about all there is in it. Brother Major has seals to his ministry; has contributed more than many who had no hand to hand struggle with physical infirmities. Eight hundred accessions mean that many, not all, were saved. The world is therefore better by reason of his labors and presence. Springs are flowing where there was sterility and death.

Second—We never heard him preach, but an Epworth League address at Macon City was as clear as the light; the actinic ray was manifest. A brother assures that he is a great preacher—one of our strong men. His face, tones and bearing are impressive and betoken thought, candor, earnestness. The latter quality wins everywhere. Earnest lawyers, doctors, farmers and pastors have triumphs in business and in saving souls. Brother Major, notwithstanding Providential checks, can say: "This *one thing I do.*" "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." "One thing;" and that a glorious thing—preaching the gospel. The themes are so high, the effect, so far-reaching!



REV. JAMES ROBERT M'MURRY.

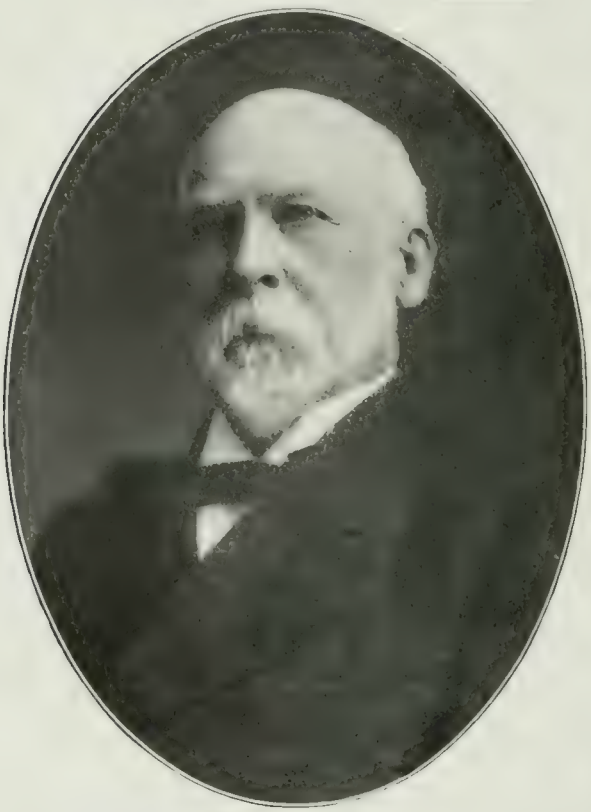
The Christian is a man of Ideas, because Christianity is the Domain of Reason as well as Love.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*

By Rev. H. D. Thompson.

James Robert McMurry is of Methodist stock. His father, James J. McMurry, and his mother, Maria Jane (McElroy) McMurry, were honored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for many years. He was born at Colony, Knox County, Missouri, July 31st, 1867. He was converted and joined the church under the ministry of Rev. T. R. Kendall when at the age of thirteen years. His conversion occurred at the Methodist altar. Some years later while a student at Knox Collegiate in Edina, Missouri, he was, under the influence of the Y. M. C. A., led to a deeper and fuller Christian life. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the LaBelle Circuit in 1895, Rev. A. S. Bowles, preacher in charge, and Rev. C. Grimes, Presiding Elder, and by the same Quarterly Conference recommended for admission on trial. He was admitted on trial into the Missouri Annual Conference at Macon, Missouri, September, 1895, Bishop Duncan presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler at Memphis, Missouri, September, 1898; ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery at Fulton, Missouri, September, 1900. His appointments have been: Camden Circuit, Grayson Circuit, Maysville Station, Norborne Station, Brunswick Station, Dearborn Station, Lawson Station and Wellsville Circuit. A goodly number of people have been received into the church under his ministry. He attended Centenary Academy at Palmyra, Missouri, the Missouri State Normal, at Kirksville, Missouri, and the South Western University at Georgetown, Texas. He was married to Miss Frances Josephine Hopkins, November 22d, 1898. They have one child, Josephine Maria McMurry. He says of the Christian College: "We must endow and maintain our Christian Colleges, for in them is the hope of the church and state." Brother McMurry is a clear thinker, a safe administrator, and a wise pastor.

HUBBARD KAVANAUGH HINDE, A. M., M. D.

Nunc cognosco ex parte, tunc vero cognoscam prout Cognitus Fuero.—*St. Paul.*
Now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am Known

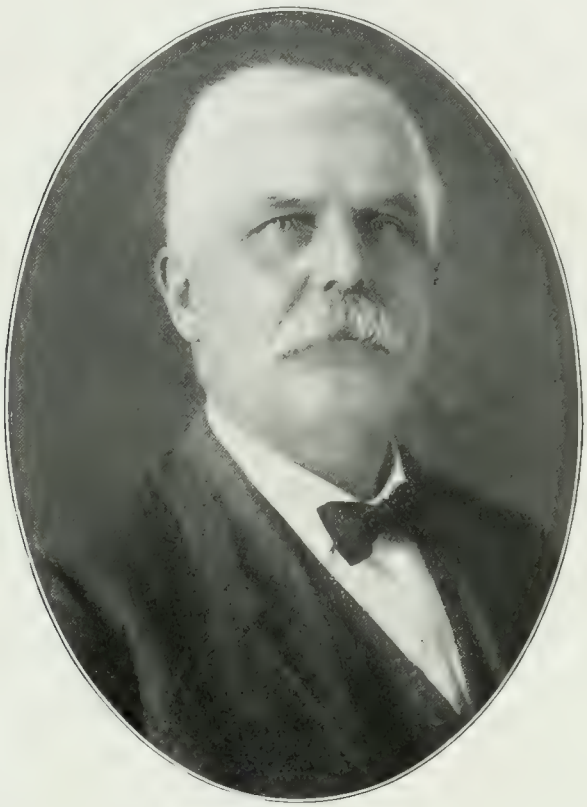


Hubbard Kavanaugh Hinde was born in Sharpsburg, Bath County, Kentucky, January 6, 1834. After a preparation in the common schools and academies of the state he was a student in the Ohio University at Athens, O., for two years, and completed his college course in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O., graduating in that institution during the presidency of Bishop Edward Thompson. After his graduation at the Ohio Wesleyan he studied medicine, and attended lectures in the Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, O., and the St. Louis Medical College—graduating in the latter institution under the deanship of Dr. Charles A. Pope. Immediately upon leaving the St. Louis Medical College he was elected First Assistant Physician of the State Lunatic Asylum at Fulton, Missouri, where fourteen years of his professional life were spent in the study and treatment of insanity. Here he was associated with Dr. T. R. H. Smith, Superintendent—one of the dearest friends of his life. During the suspension of that institution on account of the war his home was Palmyra, Missouri, where he practiced medicine. Soon after the war he was re-elected physician to the asylum at Fulton, where he remained until he was elected President of Howard Payne College at Fayette, Missouri, in 1881. Here he spent seven years of his life in the responsible work of educating girls and young women. He succeeded Dr. J. H. Pritchett as President of Howard Payne and was succeeded by Dr. H. D. Graves.

Retiring from the Presidency of Howard Payne College he went to live for a few years on his farm in Audrain County, Missouri. His subsequent homes were Mexico, Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, and in the homes of his children.

During his second year at the Fulton Asylum he was married to Eliza Bryan Curd of Palmyra, who was a graduate of Christian College at Columbia. From this union were born ten children, seven of whom are living and married.

Dr. Hinde united with the Methodist church at Moorefield, Nicholas County, Kentucky, in his boyhood and was converted when a student at Athens, O. He has always taken a deep interest in all departments of church work, has been a constant teacher in the Sunday School, and for several years has prepared the Sunday school lessons for the St. Louis Christian Advocate, and for a few years wrote the League lessons for the same paper. He has also been a contributor for the Advocate and to several of the county papers on miscellaneous topics, including letters from Europe and the Republic of Mexico. For many years he has been a delegate to the Missouri Annual Conference, and once was a delegate to the General Conference at Memphis, Tenn. He has always been an uncompromising advocate of the temperance cause and for years has voted the Prohibition ticket. He is the cousin and namesake of Bishop Kavanaugh and great-grandson of the Dr. Hinde who, when his wife came home from camp-meeting, happily converted, put the blister plaster on her head, supposing she was insane. That was the beginning of Methodism in the Hinde family.



MR. JAMES A. LEAVELL.

Self-reliance and self-denial will teach a man to drink out of His own cistern, and eat his own sweet bread, and to learn and Labor truly to get his own living, and carefully to save and Expend the good things committed to his trust.—*Bacon.*

James A. Leavell was born October 9th, 1851, near Lutre Island, Montgomery County, Missouri; his father, Benjamin F. Leavell, and mother, Sarah Nunnelly Leavell, were both members of the Baptist Church. He was converted in August, 1870, at Bethel Church, Readsville Circuit, under the ministry of Rev. George W. Penn, and joined the church at the same time and place. His growth in grace has been constant and gradual. He received his education at the public school in Callaway County, and also at Westminster and William Jewell Colleges. He was married twice, first to Miss Addie Nunnelly, November 11, 1875, who died March 15, 1880, and to Miss America Davis, November 30th, 1881, and his children are B. Roy, Addie Leta, Sarah Ann and James Reader Leavell. Brother Leavell has been in the banking business for years, and his standing is of the best. His family is a blessing to our Fulton church. Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," Ingraham's "Pillar of Fire," and "Prince of the House of David," are books that have greatly helped him in his Christian life. He was Sunday School Superintendent for ten years at Bethel Church; Steward about thirty-five years; Treasurer of Conference Board of Church Extension since 1898; Treasurer of Conference Board of Education since 1903; delegate to the Annual Conference since 1896; member of the General Conference, 1902-1906; Member of Board of Curators of Central College since 1903.



REV. THOMAS PRICE MIDDLETON.

Christianity is in form the Supernatural Kingdom and Working Of God in the earth.—*Dr. Bushnell.*

By Rev. H. D. Thompson.

Rev. Thomas Price Middleton was born in Moweaqua, Illinois, June 7th, 1871. His father, Thomas G. Middleton, was a member of the Presbyterian church. His mother was a member of the Baptist Church for many years, but united with the Methodist Church a short time before her death. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. Fielding Marvin, D. D., December 4th, 1889, at Monroe City, Missouri, and joined the church December 11th, 1889. His conversion was real and plain; he was converted at the old-fashioned Methodist altar. He has grown in grace and a deeper and better understanding of the things of God. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Monroe City Station, in December, 1893; Rev. W. H. Younger, preacher in charge, and Rev. John Anderson, D. D., Presiding Elder; was recommended for admission on trial into the Missouri Conference by the District Conference of the Macon District in 1895; was received on trial September, 1895; Rev. C. Grimes, Presiding Elder and Bishop W. W. Duncan, presiding; was ordained Deacon at Memphis, Missouri, in September, 1898, by Bishop W. A. Candler; ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery at Fulton, Missouri, September, 1900. His appointments in order of time are as follows: Sue City Circuit, 1894-1895; Excello Circuit, 1895-1896; Laddonia Circuit, 1896-1898; Clarksville and Elsberry Circuit, 1898-1899; Winfield Circuit, 1899-1900; Mokane Circuit, 1900-1902; Rowena Circuit, 1902-1903; Wellsville Circuit, 1903-1906; Auxvasse Circuit, 1906. He has received into the church five hundred and thirty-two members. The parsonage on the Laddonia Circuit was built under his ministry. His educational training was obtained in Monroe City High School, Monroe City Academy, and the Hannibal District High School at Palmyra, Missouri. He was married to Miss Lula Rouse, November 3d, 1897, and their children are Warren Candler Middleton and Warden Rouse Middleton. The surrender to the will of God to preach His word, he says, was the most important crisis in his life. The books of the course of study, Hudson's "Armour," and Wesley's "Sermons" have been very helpful to him.

REV. ISAAC WOODWARD KEITHLEY.

To be righteous makes all things new.—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*

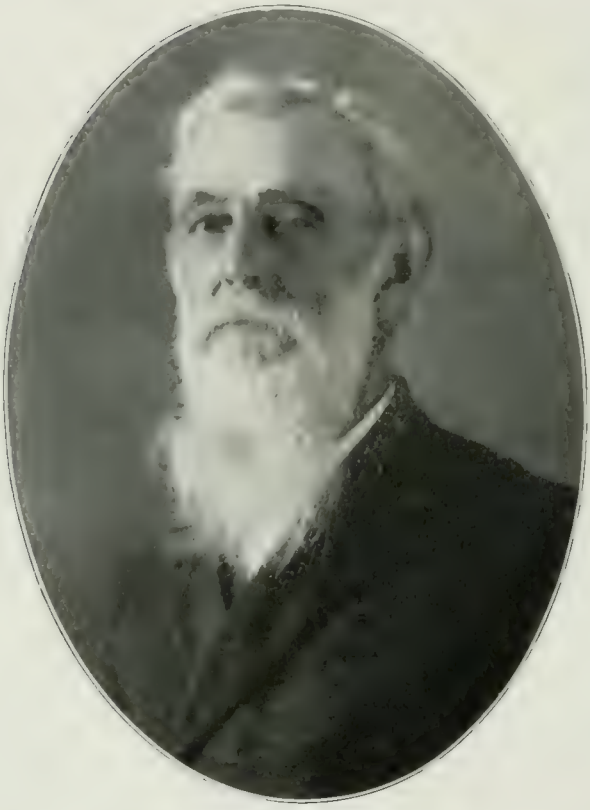
By Rev. H. D. Thompson.



Rev. Isaac Woodward Keithley was born at Sparta, Tennessee, November 10th, 1854. His parents, Thomas R. Keithley, and Susan A. Keithley, were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In his early years he was converted, but did not unite with the church until August, 1872, while attending a camp-meeting conducted by Rev. J. J. Comer. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Sparta Circuit in the Tennessee Conference, November 10th, 1877; Rev. J. G. Maloy, pastor, and Rev. R. P. Ransom, Presiding Elder. His recommendation for admission on trial was from the Quarterly Conference of the above Circuit in August, 1878. He was received into the Annual Conference on trial, October 10th, 1878; Rev. R. P. Ransom, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Robert Paine at Pulaski, Tennessee, October 17th, 1880; ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener at Franklin, Tennessee, October 22nd, 1882. His appointments have been: Lowryville Circuit, Tennessee Conference, 1878-1879; Lawrenceburg Station, 1879-1880; Tyre Springs, 1880-1882; Pope and Mount Zion Station, 1882-1883; Bethesda Circuit, 1883-1885; Shady Grove Circuit, 1885-1887; Kedron Circuit, 1887-1890; West Point Circuit, 1890-1892; he then located at his own request and served as a supply for three years. Finding his old Conference (Tennessee Conference), full when he came up for readmission, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and was admitted into the Central Tennessee Conference of this church. In this conference he was sent to Cooksville Circuit, where he remained only six months and was transferred to the St. Louis Conference of the same church and assigned to Jasper City Church where he remained for one year and six months. His next appointment was Golden City, Missouri, where he remained two years. He was then transferred to the Illinois Conference and stationed at Pittsfield for one year; then to Plainville Circuit for three years. He then joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was admitted into the Missouri Annual Conference, September, 1903. In this Conference he has served Monroe City Circuit two years; and Fulton Circuit, his present charge, two years. About one thousand persons have been received into the church under his ministry. Under his pastorate, Hitchcock's Chapel, Mount Pleasant, Gideon, Hebron and Rollie Chapel Churches were built. He attended Eaton Institute and White Seminary. He has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Alice Williams, whom he married February 22d, 1882. His present wife was Miss Maggie Campbell Scales. They were married October 25th, 1892, in Nashville, Tennessee. Their children are Walter Hill Keithley and Helen Annie Keithley.

REV. CHARLES WILLIAM COLLETT.

Life makes the soul dependent on the dust; death gives her
Wings to mount above the spheres.—*Young.*



Charles William Collett was born March 31st, 1831, in Wood County, Virginia, in what is now known as West Virginia. Both of his parents, Benjamin Collett and Margaret Collett, were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Long Branch camp-ground, Macon County, Missouri, in 1854, under the ministry of Rev. A. P. Linn, and joined the church at the same meeting, taking membership at Bloomington, then the County seat of Macon County. He was induced to go to the altar for prayer, and went from the altar to the grove with Rev. Alex. McDuffy, where he was most wonderfully blessed and made to feel the assurance of peace with God and men. His conversion was very clear and definite. His growth in grace for some time was slow, but he held on by constantly calling on God for help, and while attending a camp-meeting at Shiloh Camp ground, he received a second baptism of the Holy Ghost and went on his way rejoicing. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Bloomington Circuit in 1858; Rev. James Penn preacher in charge, and Rev. Walter Toole, Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference by the same Quarterly Conference in 1859, and was admitted to the Annual Conference on trial in 1859; Rev. Walter Toole, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Paine presiding. He was elected Deacon at Glasgow in 1861, but not ordained because no Bishop could cross the army line; he was elected to Elder's orders at Mexico, Missouri, in September, 1864; Rev. Andrew Monroe presiding, there still being no Bishop within reach. He was ordained Deacon and Elder both the same day by Bishop Kavanaugh, at Hannibal, Missouri, in August, 1865. Appointments filled are: Kingston Circuit, 1859-1861; Unionville and Green Castle Circuit, with twenty-four preaching places; the next year, there being no conference, the Presiding Elder appointed him as substitute on the Paris work; in 1864 was appointed to what was then known as the Thomasville work, which he found so devastated by war that he was compelled to make his living by giving his services wherever he could; Madison Circuit, 1865-1866; New Market Circuit, 1866-1868; Santa Fe Circuit, 1868-1870; Memphis, 1870-1872; Santa Fe, 1872-1874; Florida, 1874-1875; Vandalia, 1875-1876; Cedar City, 1876-1878; Ashland, 1878-1879; Fulton, 1879-1880; Readsville, 1880-1881; 1881-1882, he was sick, and hence was superannuated; Santa Fe, 1882-1883; Warrenton, 1883-1884; Wellsville, 1884-1885. The first church ever built in Kingston, Missouri, was under his pastorate, and he built one parsonage and bought one. He received his education at the common schools of his time. He was married September 8th, 1864, to Miss Addie T. Maupin, and their children are Orvid C., Lovick L., Mattie W., Ann E., Eulalie O., and Charles W. Collett. His being superannuated is considered by him as the most important crisis in his life.



REV. L. B. MADISON.

The world recedes, it disappears!
Heaven opens on my eyes! my ears with sounds seraphic ring!
Alexander Pope.

By Miss Beulah Madison.

Rev. L. B. Madison was born in Albermarle County, Virginia, November 30, 1835.

He was converted and united with the church August 20, 1850, at Gentry's meeting house, Albermarle County, Va., was licensed to preach in August 1860 in Alleghany County, Va., was received on trial in the Western Virginia Conference in 1861; was ordained Deacon in 1864, at Lynchburg, Va., by Bishop Early; ordained Elder at Baltimore, Maryland, by Bishop Wightman in 1869. His first charge was the Lafayette Circuit in the Virginia Conference, where he remained one year, and was then appointed chaplain of the fifty-eighth Virginia regiment in the Confederate army, where he served until the close of the war. In the fall of 1865 he was sent to Nelson Circuit, where he remained two years, and in 1867 was appointed colporteur for the American Tract Society; later in the same year he united with the Baltimore Conference and was appointed to Fauquier Circuit, where he remained one year. He was next assigned to Buchanan Circuit; in 1869 and 1870 he was in charge of Montgomery Circuit; in 1871 he transferred to the West Virginia Conference and was sent to Brownstown and Cedar Grove, where he was pastor until 1873, when he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Charleston District, and served in that capacity until 1876, when he was sent to Guyandotte and Huntington, where he remained four years. In 1880 he was sent to Greenup and Grayson, Kentucky, and remained there two years; in 1882 he went to Barboursville, West Virginia, remaining there two years, and in 1884 he transferred to the Missouri Conference. His first charge in Missouri was Osborn Circuit, where he remained one year; he was then assigned to Moberly Station, where he served three years; in 1888 he was sent to Liberty, and in 1890 to Lawson; in 1893 to Parkville; in 1895 to Platte City and Weston; in 1896 to Guilford; in 1898 to Queen City; in 1899 to Edina, and in 1903 to La Plata; this being his last charge. In the fall of 1904, at his own request, his name was placed upon the superannuated list. Shortly after Conference he moved to Moberly and was appointed Assistant Pastor of the Madison Circuit. On December 9, 1905, he heard the call of the Master to come up higher.



REV. WILLIAM WALTON JONES.

That ills corrosive, cares importunate, are not immortal too, O Death! is thine.—*Young.*

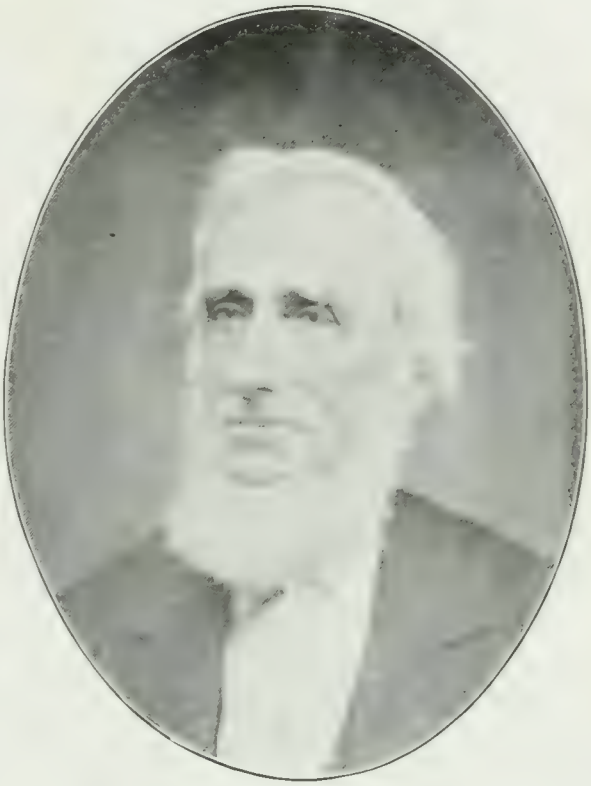
By Rev. Bowman D. Sipple.

Rev. William Walton Jones was born in Cynthiana, Kentucky, May 23, 1822. His early life was spent in Howard County, Missouri. From 1838 to 1842 he sold goods in Bolivar, Missouri. He was converted at the Mitchell Campground, in August, 1841, Rev. David Ross preaching. He united with the Methodist church, was licensed to exhort by Rev. S. S. Colburn, and licensed to preach in 1842 by the Greenfield Quarterly Conference; Rev. J. M. Kelley, P. C., and Rev. Thos. Wallace, P. E. For a time he was junior preacher with Elijah Perkins on the Springfield Circuit. He was received on trial in the Missouri Conference in 1843, together with a number of men who served long and well the church. His first appointment was Osceola, and second Booneville Circuit. When the St. Louis Conference was organized he remained with that section, and traveled the following works, each one year: Wesley Chapel, St. Louis, Warsaw, Lexington, Arrow Rock, Warsaw District, Booneville Circuit, and located in 1851. Deacon's orders were received in 1845 and Elder's in 1847. Mr. Jones was readmitted into the Missouri Conference in 1868 and traveled the following works: Fulton Circuit, two years; Chillicothe District, three years; St. Charles District, three years; Fayette Circuit; Keytesville Station, and St. Joseph District, one year each; Mexico District, three years; Huntsville Circuit, two years; and Roanoke, one year. In 1885 he was transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference and traveled the following works: Longwood, Appleton City, Corder, one year each. In October, 1888, he received appointment to Gilliam. Death came to him one week after the appointment, October 16, 1888. Rev. William W. Jones was a man of commanding appearance, resembling in a striking way Robert E. Lee; a princely preacher and a gentleman of the first rank in the home. Full of life as a young man, the grace of God changed him so that his unusual powers were devoted to the work of the church. The first Quarterly Conference the writer of this sketch remembers was the fourth on the Fulton Circuit in August, 1868. The subject of the pastor for the following year was up. Father Selby spoke of W. W. Jones as the man he preferred to all others for the peculiar needs of the charge at that time. Somehow the preference was regarded and the preacher was not a disappointment. What power in those deep, dark eyes, and what grace in that manly form!

REV. ROBERT GARLAND LOVING, A. M.

The spirits of great men, like immortal ships, sail the ocean of Time, bearing the treasures of civilization.—*Dr. James W. Lee.*

By Rev. Bowman D. Sipple..



Robert Garland Loving, A. M., was born in Nelson County, Virginia, February 1, 1808; was converted under the ministry of Dr. Wm. A. Smith in the same county and united with the Methodist Church in 1827; entered Augusta College, Kentucky, in 1829, from which institution he received his A. B. degree in 1832, and A. M. in 1835 (these two diplomas, signed by such men as H. B. Bascom, Professor Moral Science, Martin Ruter, J. S. Tomlinson and B. H. McGown, with Peter Akers as Agent, are in Central College Library); was licensed to preach in Lynchburg in 1835, and traveled one year in Virginia; married, located and founded the Buckingham Collegiate Institute for young women, the first of the kind in Virginia and one of the first in the United States. The ample fortune of Mr. and Mrs. Loving was lost by turning it over to pay the last indebtedness on the institution. The fellow teacher who received the money misappropriated it, leaving Mr. Loving with nothing but his wife's slaves. About twelve years were spent in this work, probably 1835-1847. Some time had been previously spent teaching in Randolph-Macon. A year or more was spent in teaching in Cumberland, Va. Mr. Loving came to Missouri in 1849 and taught in Brunswick; entered the Missouri Conference in 1852 and traveled the Fayette Circuit two years; was in charge of Weston High School in 1854-55, transferred to Louisville Conference in 1855, returned to Missouri in 1856, and traveled Auburn Circuit, 1856-7; Flint Hill, 1858-9; Warrenton, 1860-61; 1862, no minutes; 1863, Ashley; 1864, Auburn; 1865-6, High Hill; 1867, Ashley; 1868-9, Cottleville; 1870, Wentzville; 1871, Auburn; 1872-3, New Florence; 1874, Madison; 1875, Williamsburg; 1876, Pleasant Grove; 1877, Montgomery City; 1878, Cedar City; 1879, until his death in Montgomery City, July 27, 1882, he held a superannuated relation. Mr. Loving married Mary E. Worsham, of Amelia County, Virginia, in 1835, who was born May 4, 1809, and died June 24, 1879; a woman in every way worthy of the good man she toiled and suffered with for forty years.

Mr. Loving and Miss Harriet Nichols, of Montgomery County, were married in 1881 and lived happily together until his death at the age of seventy-four years.

Robert G. Loving was a polished Christian man, and has left no more important work than the record as one of the thirty men named in the act of the legislature of Missouri March 1, 1855, as incorporators of Central College at Fayette, Missouri, Several of these men were college bred, and more than one, along with himself, held diplomas of graduation. There is much between the lines of the record of his conversion under Dr. Wm. A. Smith in 1827 and the election of the latter as President of the College he helped to found in Missouri in 1868. The name of such a man should be held in everlasting remembrance. Brother Loving and his wife are buried at Troy, Missouri.

REV. WILLIAM BURDETT LLEWELLYN.

A blissful Immortality to them whose holiness on earth, shall
Make the Spirit capable of Heaven.—*Wordsworth.*



Rev. William Burdett Llewellyn, the son of Samuel and Rachel Llewellyn, was born near Albany, Cumberland County, Kentucky, April 1st, 1844. He was converted in a meeting held by Rev. Martin Baker, Rev. Hiram Parish and Rev. William Neal, Cumberland Presbyterian pastors. This meeting was held at Flatrock in Cumberland County, Kentucky, in 1862. He was taken into the church at that time. He was deeply and pungently convicted of sin and sought the Lord at the old fashioned mourner's bench till he came in possession of a happy pardon. From that good day his growth in the grace of God has been constant and progressive. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Green River Circuit in the Kentucky Conference in 1869; Rev. William Slate being preacher in charge, and Rev. William Alexander, Presiding Elder. He was recommended for admission on trial into the Kentucky Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the above charge in 1869; was received on trial into the Kentucky Conference in 1869; Rev. M. K. Jones, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop McTyeire at Kinmundy, Illinois, in 1870; ordained Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh at Ashley, Illinois, in 1872. He has served the following charges: Illinois Conference; London City Circuit, 1869-1870; Patoka Circuit, 1870-1871; Montrose Circuit, 1871-1872; Waverly, 1872-1873; Shoal Creek Circuit, 1873-1874; Martinsville, 1874; following this appointment, he evangelized for ten years: Salem, 1886-1887; Clay City, 1887-1889; Mount Zion and Heyworth, 1889-1891; Murphysborough, 1891-1893; DeSoto, 1893-1895; Centralia, Missouri Conference, 1895-1896; Madison, 1896-1898; Hallsville, 1898-1901; Auxvasse, 1901-1904; New Bloomfield, 1904-1906. He says that more than four thousand souls have been converted under his ministry, a large per cent of whom united with the church. He has built under his ministry three churches and two parsonages. He attended school at Burksville, Kentucky, and Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee. He has been twice married. To Miss Ruth Downey in 1873, and to his present wife, Miss Ella Kramer, in 1885. They have three children living, Maud Llewellyn, Edna Llewellyn and Frank Llewellyn; Carroll C. Llewellyn, Paul Llewellyn and Lela Elizabeth Llewellyn, deceased. He has made it a rule to read three new books every year during his ministry. He believes strongly in the work of the Christian College as the strongest constructive force in maintaining the highest standard of manhood and womanhood.



REV. WILLIAM CYRUS RICE.

It is a man's belief in the Immorality of the souls of his fellow Men which prompts the largest sympathies and arouses the most Tireless service for their good.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

William Cyrus, son of John W. and Emily J. Rice, was born near New Hamton, Harrison County, Missouri, on May 16, 1862.

Brother Rice was educated as a teacher at the Stanberry Normal College, Stanberry, Mo., and spent several years teaching in Gentry and Harrison Counties.

In January, 1879, he attended a meeting conducted at a country church in Gentry County, about five miles North of McFall, by the Rev. John Eastep of the United Brethren. During this meeting Brother Rice became convicted of sin and went to the altar where he was converted, receiving a full and definite work of grace. He speaks of his subsequent growth in grace in these words: "If I have made progress in grace it is along the line of a very definite belief in prayer, not only for spiritual grace, but for temporal blessings; for instance, asking for and expecting guidance in business.

On August 16, 1885, Brother Rice was married to Miss Priscilla Lucinda Dotson. To this union were born five children: Elizabeth Rice, Stella Emily Rice, Wayne Rice, William Lewis Rice, and Lucy Ware Rice.

After his marriage Brother Rice began to contemplate giving up the profession of a teacher to enter upon a mercantile career. He planned to open a hardware business, with the confident expectation of obtaining a competency that would at once secure his own ease and the complete education of his family. About this time, however, the great crisis of his life occurred in his call to the ministry, and turning his back on the plans he had cherished for his own ease he followed the voice of his great Leader. He was licensed to preach in April, 1887, by the Quarterly Conference of the Bethany Circuit (now New Hampton Circuit), Rev. S. B. Tablor being the preacher in charge, and Rev. G. J. Warren, Presiding Elder. In July, 1888, the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and he was admitted at the session which met in Gallatin the following September, Bishop Hendrix presiding.

Brother Rice completed his Conference Course in regular order, was ordained Deacon by Bishop Key at Fayette in 1890, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Galloway at Montgomery City in 1892. He has served the following charges in the order named: Denver, Spring Hill, Ravenwood, Ham's Prairie, Centralia, Wellsville, Auxvasse, Mound City, Elmo, Skidmore, and Hallesville.

Brother Rice has been successful in the work of the ministry. He has received into the church upwards of five hundred persons, has built the Middletown church in Montgomery County, the Stedman church in Callaway County, and the Denver parsonage. He has also repaired or rebuilt the churches at Centralia and Skidmore, and the Tarkio Chapel in Holt County.

REV. HARRY WALTER BREWER.

Contendite intrare per angustam portam.
Strive to enter in at the strait gate.—*Jesus.*

Rev. Harry Walter Brewer, son of William Thomas Brewer and Mary Eunice Brewster, both of whom were members of the Methodist Church, was born in Douglas County, Illinois, June 1st, 1882. He was converted in December, 1898, at Indianola, Iowa, under the ministry of Rev. Harris, and then and there joined the First Methodist Church. He was forcibly impressed with the thought that if he sought first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, all things else would be added unto him, and with this idea in view, he gave himself up to the Lord and has been very happy in His service ever since. His growth in grace has been quite gradual, reading God's word, praying and working being a source of great pleasure and satisfaction to him. He was licensed to preach in March, 1905, by the Mexico District Conference, Rev. R. F. Campbell, of Moberly, Mo., being the preacher in charge, and Rev. A. C. Browning, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, March, 1906, by the Mexico District Conference. and was received into the Annual Conference in 1906, Rev. A. C. Browning, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Key presiding. He has served as assistant pastor at Moberly, Mo., and at Rowena Circuit last year and reappointed this year. Seventy-one persons have been received into the church during his ministry. A new church at Mt. Zion, six miles from Paris, Missouri, at a cost of $2,000.00, has been built under his pastorate. He was graduated from the Indianaola High School and was at Simpson College, at Indianola, Iowa, for two years. He was married to Evelyn Esthena Hendrix, June 28th, 1906. He says he considers his conversion the most important crisis in his life. He has been very greatly helped in his religious life by reading Dr. Hillis' books and Dr. Gordon's book. He very strongly endorses the Christian College.

REV. ROLLIN O. TRIPLETT.

Christianity is the ripe fruit of Christ's inner life.—*Bishop Tigert.*

Rev. Rollin O. Triplett was born at Columbia, Kentucky, May 26th, 1879. His parents, C. T. Tripplett and M. J. Tripplett, were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Columbia, Kentucky, in the winter of 1893, and at the same time united with the church. The meeting in which he was converted was held by Rev. J. J. Smith, an evangelist; Rev. S. L. C. Coward being the pastor. He was licensed to preach by the District Conference of the Columbia District, Louisville Conference, June 2nd, 1899; Rev. Jesse L. Murrell, Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. S. Kilgore, preacher in charge; was recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference by the District Conference of the West Plains District, St. Louis Conference, May 9th, 1902; was received on trial into the St. Louis Conference, September 27th, 1902; Rev. J. C. L. Boehm, Presiding Elder, and Bishop A. W. Wilson, presiding; ordained Deacon at Stevensville, Montana, August 28th, 1904, by Bishop H. C. Morrison. He has served in order the following charges: Ellington Circuit, 1902, 1903; Belgrade Station, Montana Conference, 1903-1904; Wilbur and Govan charge, East Columbia Conference, 1904-1905; Readville Circuit, Missouri Conference, 1905-1906. He attended High School at Columbia, Kentucky, and one year at Central College, Fayette, Missouri. He was married to Miss Addie L. Alverson, April 1st, 1902, and they have one child, Myrtle Triplett.



MR. E. T. DINKLE.

The greatness of a man is his strength in bearing the burdens Of humanity.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Mr. E. T. Dinkle, of Tulip, Missouri, was born in Howard County, Missouri, February 24th, 1863. His parents, William L. Dinkle, and Mary E. Dinkle, were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and gave to their son the advantages of a Christian home. Brother Dinkle was converted and joined the Baptist Church near Columbia, Missouri, in 1880. In 1884, he was married to Miss Josie E. Maxey, and together they united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Porter's Chapel, in 1886. Sister Josie Maxey Dinkle was a close student of God's Word, as well as a reader of many books, and was indeed a help-meet to her husband and a loyal friend to her pastor. Sister Josie Dinkle died, March 26th, 1904. Brother Dinkle is a successful merchant at Tulip, Missouri, and is a loyal friend of the church. He is always interested in the welfare of the church. He was married July 26th, 1905, to Miss Fannie L. Carter, a woman of splendid Christian character. Brother Dinkle and wife are prominent in the religious and social life of their community and are highly esteemed by all.

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REV. BOWMAN DEWEASE SIPPLE.

Our life, whilst Thou preserv'st that life,
Thy sacrifice shall be;
And death, when death shall be our lot,
Shall join our souls to Thee.—*Joseph Addison.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A. M.



Rev. Bowman Dewease Sipple was born in Douglas County, Illinois, February 27th, 1869. His father was a Local Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. William Harrison Sipple. His mother, Elizabeth Brown Medley, was the daughter of Rev. Joseph Medley of the Virginia Conference. Distinct religious impressions with him date as early as the eighth year. As this time the practice of daily private prayer began, and also his call to the holy ministry was felt. Around the family altar he first received the kindlings of divine love in his soul. He was brought to a public decision for Christ under the preaching of Rev. George W. Penn, and joined the old Pleasant Grove church in Callaway County, January the 8th, 1874. After this he continued to seek and obtained the witness of God's Spirit to the fact that he was born of God.

His call to the ministry meant to him first of all a preparation for this sacred work, and accordingly he was knocking at the door of Central College in the year 1870. Four and one-half years were spent in this institution where he was faithful as a student and exercised a wholesome influence over the students with whom he came in contact. He considers his entrance to Central College a crisis in his life, and has ever been a staunch friend of the institution, never tiring in his efforts to promote the interests of his *Alma Mater*. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Pleasant Grove Circuit, August 4th, 1883. The Quarterly Conference of this Circuit recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, August, 1886, and he was received the following September, Bishop Holland N. McTyeire, presiding. Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix ordained him Deacon at Mexico, Missouri, September the 11th, 1887, and September the 15th, 1889, Bishop John C. Granberry, at Palmyra, ordained him Elder. He received his first appointment in 1885, and has served the following charges in the order named: Laddonia Circuit, one year; Humphreys Circuit, three years; Centralia Circuit, one year; Wellsville Circuit, three years; Ham's Prairie Circuit, two years; Mexico Circuit; two years; Montgomery Station, thre years; Huntsville Station, three years; and Presiding Elder of the Fayette District from September 1904 till the present time, 1907. He has received into the church six hundred and seventy-four members; Humphreys and Judson churches, on Humphreys' Mission, were built under his pastorate, and other important repairs on churches and parsonages have been made. A debt of $2,000.00 on the church at Huntsville was cancelled during his pastorate.

His marriage to Miss Hattie Bratton, August 4th. 1888, was a happy and fortunate one. God has blessed them with two daughters—Leah Augusta and Mary Elizabeth. His opinion of the Christian College as a general proposition is that the Christian College is the only institution that can develop the entire man.

REV. WILLIAM MARION RUSH, D. D.

The night of Time will be forgotten in the brightness of Eternal Day.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

By Rev. B. D. Sipple.



Rev. William Marion Rush was born in Marion County, Missouri about the year 1821. He was converted in his room, July 6th, 1838, at 8 p. m., joined the Church at Moriah Campground, Lewis County, Missouri, August 4th, 1838; was licensed to preach September 21st, 1841, at Fox River Campground, Clark County, Missouri, by Rev. William Patton; was received on trial in the Missouri Conference at Palmyra, October, 1841, together with E. M. Marvin and thirteen others; ordained Deacon in 1843, Elder in 1845. Brother Rush filled the following appointments: 1841, Adair Circuit; 1842, Merimac Circuit; 1843, South St. Louis; 1844, Plattsburg Circuit; 1845, Columbia and Rocheport; 1846, Palmyra; 1847, Weston; 1848-9, St. Joseph Station; 1850, Louisiana; 1851, Hannibal; 1852, Shelbyville; 1853-4, Glasgow; 1855, Richmond; 1856-9, Brunswick District; 1860-61, St. Joseph Station. During the war he labored in St. Louis by permission of his Conference, 1863-4. In 1865 he went to Plattsburg; 1866-68, St. Joseph District; 1869 to 1873 he was agent for Central College; 1874-75, Fayette Circuit; 1876-79, Fayette District—thus for eleven years he spent himself for Central College and the interests closest allied with education. In 1880 affliction kept him in the supernumerary relation; 1881-82, Rocheport; 1883, Hannibal District; 1884, supernumerary, and in 1885 supernumerated. He died at his home in Booneville, Mo., June 12, 1886. His first wife was Miss Olivia, daughter of the late Hon. James H. Birch, of Clinton, County, Missouri; his second wife was Mrs. Nelson of Booneville. Bishop Hendrix preached the funeral sermon, and the remains were buried in Plattsburg, Missouri.

Mr. Rush was considered the greatest debater in the Missouri Conference. He had a striking personality, solid as a rock, and a mind that thought along logical lines. In the confusion of debates by all classes of speakers, it was a relief to have a master of argument to take the floor and clear up the fallacies and misconceptions in the discussion. Five times he went to the General Conference, four times as leader of his delegation, and received a number of votes for the Episcopacy. He was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and was for many years a Curator of Central College. He excelled in the elements of personal Christian character; was kind, true, exemplary in the relations of husband, father, and friend; a strong preacher, an able writer, as his little volume on Baptism well attests, when he demolished the arguments of his opponent, an able defender of the faith as taught by the Methodist Church. During his years as pastor, Presiding Elder and Agent for the College at Fayette, he visited the rooms of the students, and brightened their lives, and helped the homesick, and encouraged the boys struggling for an education. His rare gifts were used for the glory of the Lord.

REV. WILLIAM GOFF CAPLES.

For contemplation he and valor formed.—*Milton.*

By Rev. Chas. B. Duncan, A. M.



Few men, if any, have made a larger place for themselves in the history of Missouri Methodism than W. G. Caples. He was born at Jeromeville, Ohio, April 23, 1819; was the son of Robert F. and Charlotte Caples; was converted and joined the Church in 1835; studied law for two years; was appointed class leader in 1836; the following year was licensed an exhorter; and two years later, having moved to Westport, Missouri, was received on trial into the Missouri Conference. For a quarter of a century, save for two short periods when he had located on account of debt and while he was chaplain in the Confederate army, he belonged to the itinerant ranks of that body.

His appointments were as follows: Plattsburg Circuit, one year; Weston Circuit, one year; Keytesville Circuit, two years; Huntsville Circuit, two years; Glasgow Station, two years; Brunswick Station, two years; Hannibal Station, two years; Weston District, four years; Weston Station and High School, one year; Agent for Central College, two years; Fayette District, one year; Brunswick District, three years; Glasgow Station, one year.

Early in life he was married to Miss Charlotte Gist, daughter of General George W. Gist, of Maryland. She died in 1848 and he was afterward married to Mrs. Bayley, of Brunswick, Missouri.

He was a man of high social qualities, communicative, entertaining and instructive. He was likewise a man of rare force of character, intellectual power, and purity of heart. On the Conference floor and in the deliberations of the body he was a leading spirit. To all the great interests of the church he was keenly alive, entertaining broad ideas of her work and enlarged views of the plans and means of her success. The esteem in which he was held by his brethren is shown by his election, in the absence of the Bishop, to preside over the Conference of 1861. He was a strong advocate of Christian Education. While on the Weston District he established a High School at Weston and another at Plattsburg. He planned and pleaded for a system of schools co-extensive with the State. His plan embraced one College to become in time, as our resources developed, a university, and a secondary school for each Presiding Elder's District to be a feeder for the great Central College, but he saw the passing away of his own secondary schools. Two years of his life were spent in raising an endowment for Central College at Fayette, Missouri. His work for Central College is for all time.

In the pulpit he had scarcely an equal, and no superior, in the State. As a preacher he was earnest, his doctrine was sound, his illustrations striking, his arguments strong and convincing. His power over an audience was marvelous and often the slain of the Lord were many.

At Glasgow, Missouri, October 18, 1864, at the zenith of his power he was mortally wounded by a shell from a Confederate battery. Four days later he uttered his final words of victory on earth: "O! what am I gaining, gaining, gaining," and fell on asleep. He is buried at Brunswick, Missouri.

One of his sons, Hon. R. B. Caples, a lawyer of ability and integrity, lives in Glasgow, Missouri.



REV. SAMUEL H. C. BURGIN.

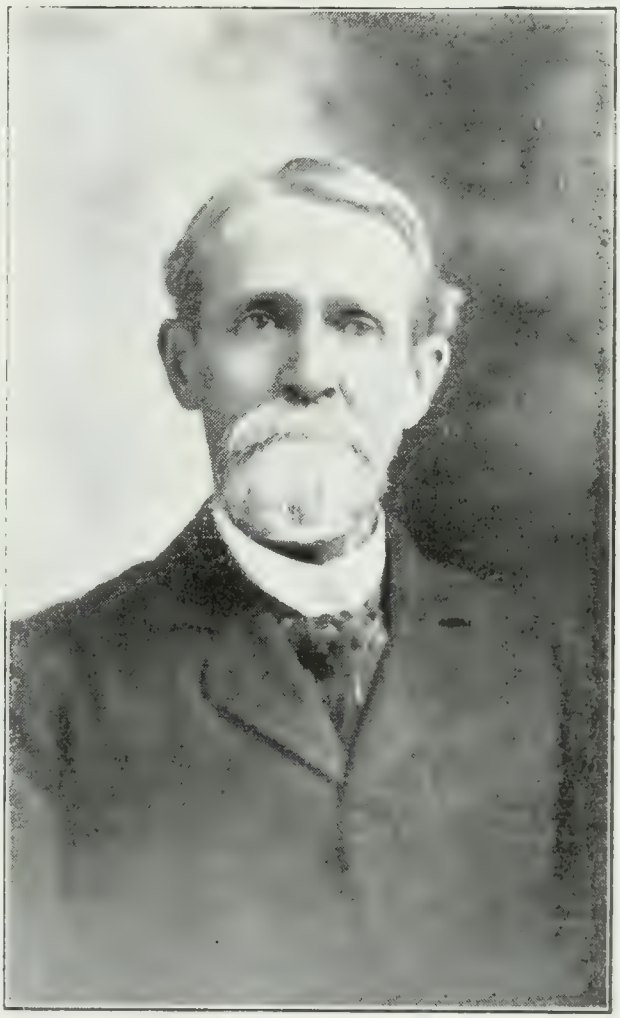
Go, speed the stars of Thought on to their shining goals.—
Emerson.

Rev. Samuel H. C. Burgin, son of Henry S. Burgin, was born September 7th, 1871, at Lorraine, Harrison County, Missouri. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted January 10th, 1882, at Lorraine, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. S. S. Hardin, and joined the church at the same time, when only six years old. His conversion was very clear and satisfactory. He was licensed to preach May 28, 1897, by the Kansas City District, Southwest Missouri Conference; Rev. C. M. Hawkins, D. D., preacher in charge, and Rev. W. T. McClure, Presiding Elder. The Central Church, Kansas City, Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Kansas City District Conference by which he was recommended to the Southwest Missouri Annual Conference, May 28th, 1897; and he was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1897; Rev. W. T. McClure, Presiding Elder, and Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Granbery, September 24th, 1899, at Neosho, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 18th, 1904, at Springfield, Missouri. Appointments filled are: Kansas City, Campbell St. and Garland Avenue, one year; Campbell Street, Kansas City, Missouri, two years; Butte, Montana, St. Paul Church, two years; Windsor, Missouri, two years; Fayette, Missouri, Centenary Chapel, now serving his third year. During his ministry eight hundred and forty members have been added to the church. His education was obtained at Woodland College at Independence, Missouri, and at Central College at Fayette, Missouri. He was married to Miss Lora E. Miller, October 18th, 1899, and has one child, Herschel Steele Burgin. When engaged in business in Kansas City, Missouri, he was called from above to preach the Gospel, but hesitated for more than three years before making the decision that placed him in the ministry; this he considers the most important crisis in his life. Shakespeare's works, Pilgrim's Progress, and Imitation of Christ are some of the books which have helped him most. In his estimation the importance of the Christian College cannot be over-estimated. Brother Burgin is a Christian gentleman, a good pastor, and a fine preacher.

MR. ARTHUR FERDINAND DAVIS.

As from the darkening gloom a silver dove
Upsoars, and darts into the eastern light,
On pinions that nought moves but pure delight,
So fled thy soul into the realms above.—*Keats.*

By Prof. Wm. A. Webb, A. M.



Arthur Ferdinand Davis was born in Ralls County, Missouri, March 29, 1842, and died in Fayette, Missouri, January 4, 1907. He grew to manhood among the wholesome influences of a Christian home; his parents, Temple Harold Davis and Frances Hendren, being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Entering Central College in 1858, he applied himself diligently and successfully to his studies and became a leader among his companions in all things that pertained to the literary and social advancement of the student body. It was during this period that in company with his classmate and future brother-in-law, Eugene R. Hendrix, he united with the church.

At the close of the second year he was compelled to leave college on account of ill health, and entered upon the active business career which he followed until his death. In 1869, he was married to Miss Sallie Cockran. She died, however, within a year, and in order to shake off the gloom of this bereavement and to gratify his taste for study and travel he spent the next year in an extensive tour around the world. From this trip he brought back not only a portfolio filled with reproductions of the most famous pictures of the old-world galleries, but a mind stored with charming reminiscences and delightful memories. Fortunate indeed was the guest or friend who was permitted to enjoy an evening of conversation in his company.

He was married on June 22nd, 1875, to Miss Mary Belle Hendrix, of Fayette, Missouri. The following year he removed to Fayette, and from that time on his life was intimately identified with the intellectual, social, and religious life of this community. To this union were born two children, Arthur Forman and Murray Hendrix. The death of his son Arthur at the age of five years profoundly affected his life by deepening and intensifying his religious nature. As a memorial of this son he established in Central College a few years later "The Arthur Davis Loan Fund" of $5,000.00 to be used in helping worthy young men of limited means in securing a college education. This benefaction was of a piece with many noble contributions both of time and money to the College of which he was Curator and Treasurer for almost a quarter of a century.



COLUMBIA CHURCH.

By C. M. Bishop, D. D., Pastor.

This is the Church Home of a great congregation of Southern Methodists. The new church was erected under the pastorate of Rev. S. P. Cresap. The building cost over thirty thousand dollars. Methodist students from various parts of the State find a church home here.

REV. CHARLES McTYEIRE BISHOP, D. D.

Mist may rest upon the surrounding landscape, but our own Path is visible from hour to hour, from day to day.
—*William E. Gladstone.*

By Rev. George M. Gibson, A. M.



On February 2nd, 1862, in Ash County, North Carolina, there was born to the Rev. E. W. S. Bishop and his wife, Julia, their first son, whom they named Charles McTyeire. The father was a highly cultivated and most useful man, for thirty-five years a member of Holston Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The grandfather was also a Methodist preacher, teacher and college president. Thus the subject of this sketch began life with "a goodly heritage."

Converted in early childhood, he joined the Church in 1873, under the ministry of Dr. D. W. Carter, now of Mexico.

In 1884 he graduated from Emory and Henry College, in which institution he was adjunct professor of Latin and Greek during 1886-1887. In 1887 he joined Holston Conference and was sent to Ashville, North Carolina, where he remained two years. On June 3rd, 1889, he was married to Miss Phoebe Eleanor Jones of Ashville, a woman whose culture and beautiful character pre-eminently fitted her for being the helpmeet of such a man as Bishop.

In 1889 he was transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference and stationed at Melrose Church, Kansas City, where he remained four years. From here he went to Lexington for two years; Brooklyn avenue, Kansas City, one year; Melrose again, for two years; Nevada, three years. In 1901 he was transferred to the Missouri Conference and stationed at Francis Street Church, St. Joseph, where he remained four years. From St. Joseph he went to Columbia, where he is still pastor.

While in St. Joseph Dr. Bishop visited the principal cities of the Eastern States, studying modern church buildings, and as a result suggested to the architect all the main features of the splendid new Francis Street Church, St. Joseph, Missouri. In the summer of 1900 he traveled in Europe.

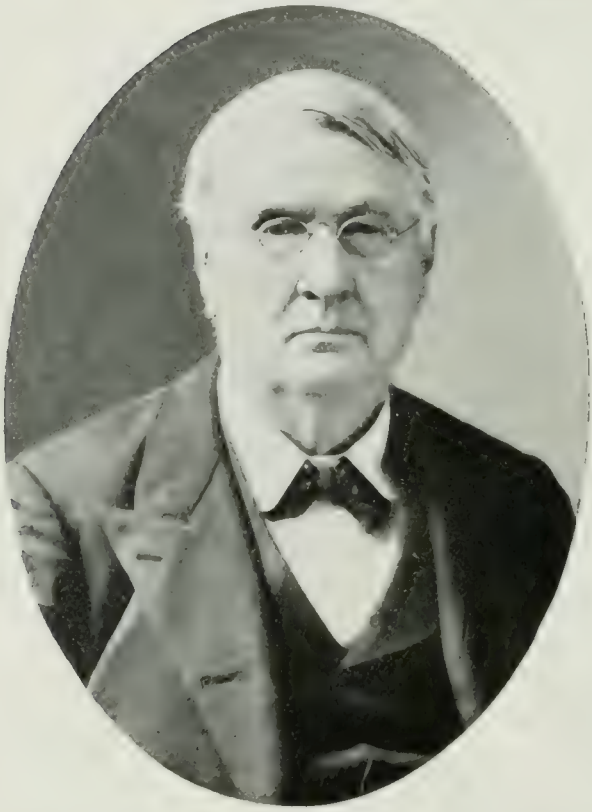
The honors that have been conferred on Dr. Bishop by his Church indicate the strength of the man as well as the esteem of his brethren. The honorary degree of D.D. was conferred by Central College in 1899; he was a member of the Inter-church Conference on Federation, New York, in 1905; member of the General Conference in 1906, by which body he was made a member of the General Board of Missions, and also a member of the Commission on Unification of Women's Missionary Societies; he has been president of the Preachers' Institute of the Missouri and Southwest Missouri Conference from its beginning; has been lecturer on the Poetical Books of the Bible at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, at the Missionary Training Institute of Nashville, Tennessee, and at the Summer School of Theology at the Southwestern University of Texas. He is at present writer of the "Senior" and "Intermediate Quarterlies" of the Sunday School literature of our Church.

Dr. Bishop is a man of scholarly attainments, with splendidly disciplined mind. On the platform and in the pulpit he is a man of superior effectiveness. His preaching is characterized by spiritual insight, incissive utterance, luminous presentation of truth, and over it all there is the glow of a refined imagination which charms while it impresses.

REV. WILLIAM HENRY LEWIS, D.D.

The distinction of the path of the just is that more and more Light shines upon it.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A.M.



Rev. William Henry Lewis, now one of our oldest and honored superannuates, is in his ninety-third year, having been born in the state of Virginia, March, 1815. Pious parentage was his inheritance. His father and mother knew their sins forgiven. For more than three-quarters of a century the son has been able to say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." His conviction for sin was pungent, his conversion clear, and his soul was made unspeakably happy. He believes in full and complete salvation, and has enjoyed it at times through his long Christian life. During the war his license and ordination papers were destroyed, hence data concerning them has not been furnished. His appointments, beginning with the fall of 1843, have been Keytsville, one year; Jefferson City, two years. During these years at Jefferson City a revival of marked power was held. The entire city and surrounding country came under its influence and felt its power. Three hundred and fifty persons professed faith in Christ, among the number were twenty-one members of the Missouri Legislature. A prominent business man, after his conversion in this meeting, rolled out and emptied into the streets seven barrels of whisky and brandy, exclaiming, as he did so, "I am done with this traffic." He has held many other meetings of great power on his own charges and assisting his brethren of the ministry. From Jefferson City he went to St. Louis for four years; Boonville, two years; Independence, two years; taught there twelve years; was in charge of Howard-Payne College during the Civil War, afterwards teaching at Weston and other places. After going back into the regular ministry he was at Plattsburg, one year; Richmond, two years; Carrollton, three years; Mexico, two years; Columbia, three years; Louisiana, one year; Montgomery City, four years, where he had most marked success; then at St. Charles, four years (he had served this charge two years once before); O'Fallon and Wentzville, three years. By this time the shadows were lengthening so that he deemed it his duty to seek a superannuated relation to his conference. A parsonage was built during this, his last appointment. His education, received at Randolph-Macon College, helped to lay the foundation for this long and useful career. Thrice he has suffered the loss of his bosom companion. His first wife was Miss Christian Byrd, to whom he was married, June 29th, 1836. The names of the children of this wife are: Henry B., Lucy B., C. T., A. B., W. H., L. H., L. B., M. E., Sallie and I. B. He was married the second time to Miss Annie E. Worthington, April 18th, 1869. E. H. and Everett are his children by this wife. On the 9th of November, 1881, he was married to Mrs. Susan Savage. Let this sketch close with the words of one who has had such a wide and useful career. To the thoughtful they will mean much. "The Bible neglected or ignored by either church or state, is a menace to the interests and safety of the people, and I would leave a parting word of counsel to our Methodism of Missouri. Maintain and strengthen the Christian College, where the word of God is taught and reverenced."

REV. WILLIAM FRANKLIN BELL.

To be pure in heart is the true glory of intelligent life.—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A.M.



Rev. William Franklin Bell, the son of John W. and Elizabeth C. Bell, who were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born February 16th, 1831, in Old Franklin, Howard County. He was converted at a camp meeting held near Old Bloomington by Rev. Reuben Aldridge and Rev. Jesse Green. From a child he felt a call to the holy ministry, and fifty years of faithful response to that call has been the joy of his life. The Bloomington Quarterly Conference licensed him to preach in 1850, and recommended him to the Missouri Annual Conference for admission on trial, September, 1851, and during the same month by the Annual Conference in session at Fayette, with William Capers as Bishop, he was admitted. He received his Deacon's orders in 1853, and Elder's orders in 1855.

He has served the following charges: Fulton Circuit, Maryville Circuit, Oregon Circuit, Chillicothe Circuit, Carrollton Circuit, Athens Circuit, Savannah Circuit, Lancaster Circuit, New Franklin Circuit, Columbia Circuit, Bucklin Circuit, Paris Circuit, Fayette Circuit, Sharpsburg Circuit, Paris Circuit, Shelbina Circuit, Bloomington Circuit, Kirksville Circuit, Sue City Circuit, New Florence Circuit, Roanoak, New Franklin, St. Charles District, Keytsville and Salisbury Circuit, Fayette, Paris, Franklin and Higbee Stations. Two good church houses were built under his pastorates. He has been married twice. First, August 2nd, 1854, to Miss Martha L. Kenyon. Second, to Miss Sarah D. Ridgeway. The names of his children are: John B., Anna Belle Stapleton, William Caples, Marvin Payne and Ada.

He has been in the conference the longest of any living member except Rev. W. H. Lewis, D.D. This long ministry has been richly blessed both in the salvation of the unsaved and building up of the believers. Probably as many as fifteen hundred souls have professed faith in Christ under his preaching. He knows the Methodist doctrines, believes in them with all his soul, and preaches them with clearness and power. His wise and conservative counsel is highly prized and sought by his brethren. Hear his word on the Christian College: "It is all important to church and state, if we desire them to carry out the mission God ordained them to accomplish in the salvation of the world."



REV. HIRAM D. GROVES, D.D.

NOT DEAD—NOT LOST—NOT FAR.

The following was written by T. Berry Smith in memory of the late Dr. Hiram D. Groves, President of Howard-Payne College, in Fayette.

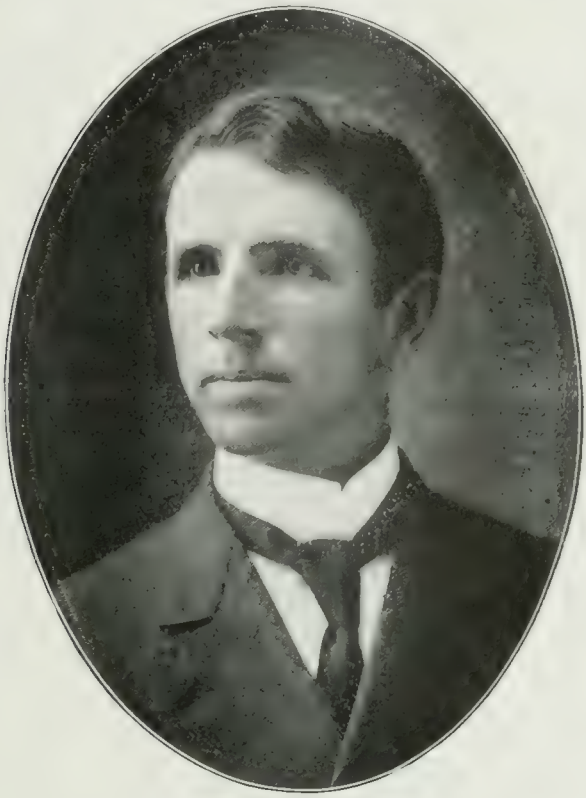
Not dead!
No! no! not dead, just laid away from sight
To slumber undisturbed through one long night
Instead of many brief ones such as fall
In swift recurrence o'er us one and all.
If thou art glad to lay thy weary head
Upon the pillow of thy nightly bed,
And lose thyself in slumber, wherefore weep
When loved ones rest in nature's dreamless sleep?
Since now we wake when night has passed away
In the old likeness of the former day,
May we not hope to see them face to face
Who in the churchyard have their resting place?
Believe the Master, o'er and o'er He said—
"Why weepest thou? Only asleep—
Not dead—not dead!"

Not lost!
No! no! not lost, just parted for a day
While we make journey on the homeward way.
When shades of evening fall and with desire
We seek our own at every friendly fire
And find them not, then 'neath night's diadem
Turning our faces toward Jerusalem
And thither coming, by and by we'll find
The ones whom yesterday we left behind—
Not on the streets by passing scenes beguiled
Where Mary, mourning, sought her missing child,
But in the Father's house and His employ
Where Mary found at last her precious boy.
There in the midst of God's sanhedral host
We'll hear: "Why sought ye me? I was
Not lost—not lost!"

Not far!
No! no! not far, just hidden from our eyes
Which wide would open with a glad surprise
Could we but for one moment have the power
Elisha's servant had on Dothan's tower,
To see how near us are the hosts unseen
Guarding our lives, whose bucklers held between
Serve day and night to foil the quivering darts
A wanton world flings at our aching hearts.
Our eyes are holden and we cannot see
How near our loved ones in the shadows be;
Thro' cloudless days and days without a star
Close by our sides like sentinels they stand
Keeping the promise of the last command:
"Lo! I am with you always"—near—
Not far—not far.

Fayette, Mo. 1906.





REV. HENRY ELBERT STOUT, A.M.

Science and Faith must ever be united; they are the two wings Whereby alone we can soar to the knowledge of God.—*Canon Farrar.*

Rev. Henry Elbert Stout was born in Carroll County, Missouri, near Bosworth, November 12th, 1873. His father was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and his mother was a Scotch Presbyterian, but for a number of years she had been a member of the Methodist Church, and died in that faith. He was converted when about twelve years old in Northern Nebraska, and jointed the Church in June, 1890, under the ministry of Rev. H. L. Davis. His was a conversion in childhood; having had a mother who knew God, he became acquainted with Him early in life, and hence the transition was not great. From a child he felt the call to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, so he obeyed and found the "hidden gold." He was licensed to preach by the Fayette District Conference in the spring of 1898; Dr. T. E. Sharp, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Macon District Conference held at Paris, Missouri, April 19th, 1901; received into the Annual Conference on trial at St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1901; Rev. J. A. Mumpower, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Candler, presiding. Ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway at Mexico, Missouri, September 6th, 1903. He has served the following charges. Clark Circuit, Mexico District, 1901-1902; Centralia Station, 1902-1906; President of Howard-Payne College, 1906. About two hundred persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. He attended High School in Northern Nebraska, and Central College, Fayette, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1901. He was married to Miss Genelle Cunningham, November 5th, 1902, and they have one boy, Sidney Elbert Stout. He thinks the time when God spoke to him through His spirit, saying: "Follow me," and immediately after his graduation when he was tempted to turn his back upon his chosen life work, were the greatest crises of his life, but with God's help victory was his. Besides the Bible, he has been greatly helped by the reading of McLaren's books, "In An Upper Room," Henry Van Dyke's short stories, and his Gospel for a World of Sin, and the biographies of our great men, Luther, Wesley, Knox, Carey, etc.

REV. MOSES UPSHARD PAYNE.

For Love hath no measure in his magnanimities.—*Sir Edwin Arnold.*

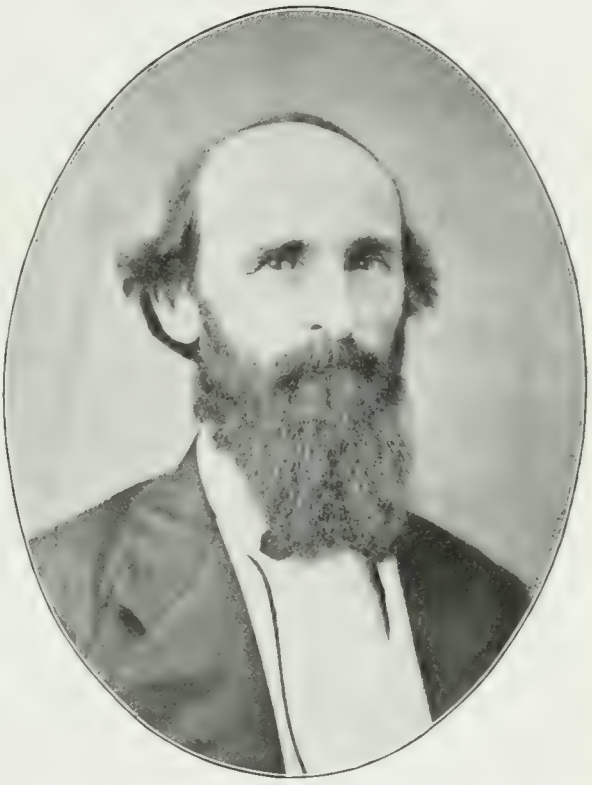


Rev. Moses Upshard Payne was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, near Versailles, October 25th, 1807, and died at his home, near Payne, Iowa, August 9th, 1895. In his boyhood he was intimately acquainted with Thomas F. Marshall and John J. Crittenden, natives of the same neighborhood and boys together. Mr. Payne early learned the trade of cotton spinning, and followed the occupation for some years in his native county and later at Maysville, Kentucky. He spent a considerable part of his middle life in New Orleans, where, by industry and economy, he became a prosperous and influential factor in the cotton business of the South. In the midst of his New Orleans business he foresaw the Civil War impending, and before the crisis came, he disposed of most of his property there, and invested in unimproved land in the great Northwest. Mr. Payne was twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Mary D. White. Of this marriage three children were born. One, Jacob A. Payne, is still living. In September, 1867, he was marrried to Miss Sarah H. Patton, of Howard County, Missouri. Of this marriage two children were born, both living. The elder is Sarah Martha, who is the wife of Rev. S. P. Cresap, of the Missouri Conference. The other is Moses Miller Payne, a successful farmer and business man, living near Payne, Iowa. Mr. Payne was considered by all who knew him as an extraordinary man. Of strong personality, large mental endowments, great capacity for work and splendid business instinct, he was at the same time a man of invariable integrity, large-hearted benevolence, and a Christian gentleman. He was converted at seventeen and joined the Methodist Church. At twenty-one he was licensed to preach. He had great insight into the truths of the Bible. He was practical, sincere and earnest in his preaching. His words carried peculiar force with them, because back of them was a life of faith and consistent living. He gave without stint and cheerfully, when convinced of a need. He listened with patience and interest to every appeal; he was anxious to know needs; he sought opportunities where he could place his money wisely. He aided very materially in laying the foundation of Methodism all over North Missouri, Southwest Iowa, Eastern Nebraska and the great Northwest. He purchased Howard-Payne College and gave it to the Missouri Conference. Central College was also the recipient of large gifts. He gave Paine Institute $25,000 and a like amount to the Church Extension Board. He sympathized with all bodies and parties having as their definite purpose the destruction and prohibition of the liquor traffic. He frequently contributed to their funds. All in all, Moses U. Payne's long life was eminently useful and certainly successful. Drawing near the end of this life's scenes there was perfect composure and beautiful peace. No clouds begloomed; no remorse disturbed. The close was like the setting of the sun. He left the darkness here; the light of the Eternal Morning was upon his face; gladly he went out with his Pilot into the unending day.

REV. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JOHNSON, M. D.

To that Jerusalem above with singing I repair.—*Charles Wesley.*

By Rev. John Anderson, D.D.



Rev. Benjamin Franklin Johnson, M.D., son of William and Nancy Johnson, was born in Norfolk, Virginia, February 14th, 1822. At the age of eight years he came with his family to Missouri. When he was fifteen he made a profession of religion, and was an earnest, exemplary Christian and exerted a wide influence for good during his early manhood. He attended the Academy at Danville, Missouri, and was graduated from the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, in 1848. Dr. Johnson felt the call to preach the gospel, but shrank from the great work, feeling he was not equal to it, and that he might be useful and happy and do great good in the practice of medicine. He realized in later life that he had erred and that he should have responded to the call to preach instead of studying medicine.

In May, 1847, he and Miss Catherine Wheeler were married at Danville, Missouri. During the six years following he attained to a large and remunerative practice, and no man ever had fairer prospects for distinction in his profession, and the accumulation of wealth than Dr. Johnson gave up when, in February, 1854, he applied for license to preach at the Quarterly Conference of Warrenton Circuit, at Marthasville, Rev. E. M. Marvin, Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial into the Missouri Conference in 1855. His ministry was distinguished by its simplicity and earnestness, and he was successful in winning many to the Christian life. He made no pretension to learned or ornate sermonizing, nor did he boast of what he had given up to preach the gospel, but as a wise masterbuilder he labored diligently to establish the Kingdom of his Lord. His strong common sense and sound business methods enabled him to render a notable service to the Church in getting the colleges under way just after the war. He was the chief instrument in raising the money, $1,500 (a large sum for that time), to put what is now the old academy building, occupied by Federal troops during the war, in repair so that school might begin in 1866. And later, when Howard College had been sold and was entirely out of the hands of the Church, a debt which was upon the property at the beginning of the war being the cause of the alienation of this valuable property from the church; Dr. Johnson went to Rev. M. U. Payne, of Rocheport, and presented the matter to him, and returned, after the two had considered its importance together and prayed during the night for guidance, with Brother Payne's check for about $9,000, the amount required to satisfy the claims of those who then held title to the property.

He was a member of the Board of Curators of Howard Payne College for about twenty years, and was the chairman of the Board for several years of that time, and served also as financial agent for both Howard-Payne and Central Colleges. In 1890 he was granted the superannuated relation at his own request, and September 14th, 1894, he entered into rest, passing away at his beautiful home at Fayette.

John Anderson.



REV. EZRA BRECKENRIDGE CROOKS, A. M.
MRS. MARY E. GROVES CROOKS, A.M.

But all that is, and has been, and shall be, is just completing Our character, adding finishing touches to our symmetry.—*Dr. F. B. Meyer.*

The above came of Methodist stock of several generations standing and were both born in the homes of Methodist itinerants.

Ezra B. Crooks entered life in Hickman County, Kentucky, October 6th, 1874. At thirteen he was converted in an old-fashioned camp meeting and entered our Church in Waverly, Illinois. In 1894 he entered Central Academy, and in 1899 Central College honored him with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was licensed to preach by the Rushville District Conference, June 17th, 1897, Rev. O. T. Rogers being his pastor, and his father Presiding Elder of the district. He was admitted on trial the following fall into the Illinois Annual Conference. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Oscar P. Fitzgerald, in 1899, and entered the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University. He was graduated as Master of Arts from that University in 1901; was transferred to the St. Louis Conference and appointed to the Manchester and Fenton Circuit. Before the succeeding Annual Conference he was accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions and appointed to work in Granbery College, Juiz de Fora, Brazil. After eight months' study of the language, he was admitted into full connection in the Brazil Mission Conference and ordained Elder by Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, and appointed pastor of the Piracicaba and the Capivary Circuits; next year he was made Presiding Elder of the Sao Paulo District, which he served for two years, until his return to America, in September, 1906.

Mary E. G. Crooks, daughter of Rev. Hiram D. Groves and Mrs. Anna Bratton Groves, was born September 26th, 1876. Hers was a joyous and protected girlhood, passed principally within the precincts of Howard-Payne College. By this noble institution she was repeatedly honored, being graduated from the School of Art in 1895; from the School of Vocal Music in 1897; and given the degree of Mistress of Arts in 1900. She joined the Church when five years of age. September 10th, 1902, she accepted the life and work of Rev. E. B. Crooks and went as a Missionary to Brazil. She was greatly beloved in the Mission and especially so by the Brazilian converts. If her heart ever grew faint with longing for home and native land, this was never expressed either by word or look to her husband. The hardships and loneliness of the little home were all hers, yet others knew not of her burdens. On May 5th, 1906, she quietly left this life after a few hours of illness, during which there was no return to consciousness and no farewells said. She left a little girl and a baby boy to the bewildered care of their father, and now her body sleeps in the Protestant burying ground in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



REV. WILLIAM A. DAVIS, A.B.

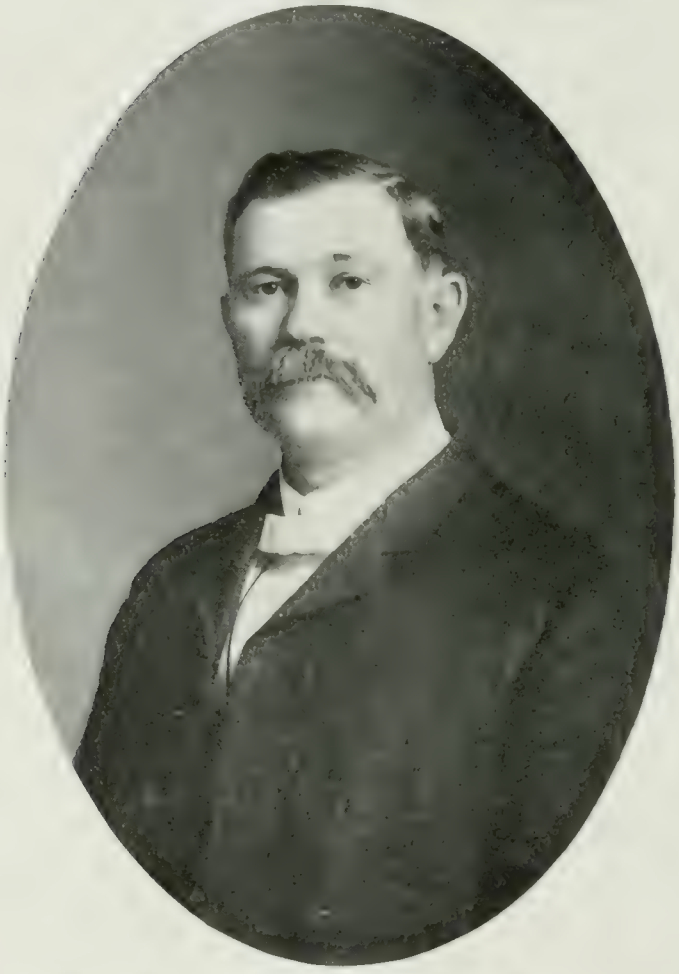
Obedience brings light, and the light of God discloses new spheres
Of obedience.—*Dr. O. E. Brown.*

Rev. William A. Davis was born July 8th, 1865, in Warren County, Missouri. His parents, James Bryan Davis, and Permelia Davis, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His mother is still living. He was converted in 1881, at his home near Boles, Franklin County, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. A. T. Tidwell, and joined the Church at Fayette, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. Wm. Penn, October 12th, 1881. He had been a penitent for about a month, but cannot tell when the precious peace crept into his heart. One day he found himself trusting and enjoying great peace. He had a clear call to the ministry soon after his conversion, which he resisted until he was in an entirely backslidden state. He was brought to a sense of his condition while listening to Brother J. H. Ledbetter preach. He sought again the favor of the Lord and found it. He had meditated much on the subject of perfect love and groaned after that blessing. On his way to his next Circuit, as he rode along through the woods in Livingston County, he received in answer to a prayer of faith the power to love Him with the whole heart, and his neighbor as himself. He rejoiced evermore in this fulness of love. He was licensed to preach by the Fayette Quarterly Conference October 20th, 1884; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial August 4th, 1886, and he was received on trial that same year; Rev. J. H. Ledbetter, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 9th, 1888. He served Renick Circuit, Prairie Hill Circuit, Jameson Circuit, Albany Circuit, and is now Missionary to Japan. Under his pastorates one church was begun, one finished and one built. He attended the public schools and Central College, Fayette, Missouri, from which institution he was graduated. He was married to Miss Ada Steva Forster, March 6th, 1889.

REV. EDWARD LEE RUTLEDGE.

Ours is the humble, modest, detailed action of trying to convert Sons, daughters, neighbors, and friends.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

By Rev. T. H. B. Anderson, D.D.



"The arrows come so thick," said a Greek to Leonidas at Thermopolye, "that they darken the sun." "Then we shall fight in the shade." Here is a man armored; he fights as courageously in the shade as in the sunlight. Superior numbers and splendid equipment have no power over him. Give him a place to stand, an opportunity to pray, men to whom he can preach, and the slain will be many. "He knows whom he has believed," and knows that the word he preaches "shall not return unto Him void."

First—Physically, he is in perfect health; has a closely knitted frame, with bone and muscle perfect. The contour of his face indicates purpose, kindliness, forcefulness. What he plans, he executes; and whether he succeeds or fails, there is neither boastfulness, nor ruefulness. He never cries over spilt milk. He does his best, and no man can do more.

Second—Mentally, he thinks on straight lines. The millennium, the "immediate coming of our Lord," the gift of healing, etc., find no place in his theology. He believes that there shall be a "reign of righteousness," but does not give us the day it will begin. He believes in the Advent, but the "day and hour" he knows not. As to healing, the Lord can do it, but when and how, he will not say. He dwells upon central truths—convictions, repentance, faith, new birth, witness of the spirit and the glorious experience of "perfect love."

Third—As a pulpiteer, he gains steadily; and those who hear him are more and more convinced that he is endowed with utterance. He gives no "uncertain sound." The trembling "if" or "perhaps," or "maybe so," find no place in his pulpit. He is dogmatic, or rather doctrinal.

Fourth—His educational advantages have been fair; not a graduate, but the training had was thorough. After all the Universities can only give the student an opportunity; everything depends upon him whether he will make it of service. Any pastor can turn his study into a university; five hours daily with the best authors, and an hour with Greek or Latin, will make him a scholar of no small ability. There are twelve hours in a day; seven are enough to spend in pastoral visiting and attending to home duties. Rutledge reads to purpose; speaks accurately; thinks correctly.

Fifth—He is deeply fraternal—a brother beloved. Frank, honest and irenic are characteristics known and read of all.



MR. JOHN WESLEY BELL.

Men can be to other men as the Shadow of a Great Rock in a Thirsty land.—*Drummond.*

John Wesley Bell, son of George W. Bell and Mariah A. Bell, was born September 19th, 1850, in Warren County, Virginia. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1868, in Asbury Chapel, Warren County, Virginia, under the ministry of Rev. James March, and joined the Church at the same time. He was converted at the old-fashioned Methodist mourner's bench, and still has a firm belief in the old-time religion of our fathers. He has gained religiously as the years have gone by, has a stronger faith and a more abiding trust in the will and word of God, and finds more things for which to offer praise to the boutiful giver of life, and more to admire and less to condemn in his fellowmen. His education was received at private schools of Virginia. Brother Bell has been a great help to Methodism in Rocheport, and in Boone County, as many pastors and presiding elders can truly testify. The Lord bless him and his family. He has been twice married, first to Miss Cornelia Potts, March 19th, 1874, of which union three children were born, to-wit: Carrie Rush, George B. and Beulah W. Bell. Married the second time to Miss Osie J. Potts, June 18th, 1884, and of this union seven children were born—Anna C., Osie Marvin, Ethel Gray, John W., Jerome P., Sarah Whitmer and Eunice E. Bell. Some of the books that have proven beneficial to him, aside from the Bible, have been Bunyan's Pilgrims' Progress, Marvin's Life of Christ, and The Future Life, by Dr. D. R. McAnally. He came to Missouri in 1871, and moved to his present home in the fall of 1874. He has served as class leader and Sunday School Superintendent for fifteen years, trustee of church property thirty years, and steward for twenty-five years, and always ready to make full reports at the Fourth Quarterly Conference.

REV. ALBERT BEAUREGARD CULBERTSON, A.M.

To Reason, and on reason build resolve, that column of true Majesty in man.—*Young.*



Albert Beauregard Culbertson, son of James A. G. Culbertson and Sarah (Selby) Culbertson, was born in Callaway County, Missouri, near Prairie Chapel Methodist Church, January 3rd, 1861. The father was an earnest Presbyterian and the mother as earnest a Methodist. There was common sense religion in the home, for the son was converted at the family altar at the age of thirteen, "through the influence of both father and mother." At the first opportunity the young convert was received into the membership of the Prairie Chapel Church. The death of a grandfather, that prince of Callaway Methodist stewards, Wm. Selby, gave the boy of eleven years serious thoughts, in which he could hear the voice of the departed patriarch singing; a testimony of his father in class meeting; and a sermon in a revival by Dr. Lacey, a Presbyterian minister, these are the circumstances that called for and produced immediate surrender to Christ.

The first joy after conversion came in the gift of one dollar—his all—to Missions at the pastor's call. Hours of greatest triumph have been when alone, reading God's Word, and in prayer. While being ordained Deacon earnest prayer for full surrender and entire consecration to the work of the ministry a marked evidence of answer came. "A careful study of Job, Isaiah, Luke, John, Romans and Gallatians have transcended all else in enriching my life and revealing to me the wonders of His wisdom and grace."

Dates: Licensed to preach by Fulton Station Quarterly Conference, 1886, M. L. Gray, P.C., and W. W. McMurry, P.E. Recommended for admission to traveling connection by Centenary Charge, St. Joseph, while serving the charge as supply. Received on trial in the Missouri Conference, September, 1890, R. H. Cooper, P.E., and Joseph S. Key, bishop. Ordained Deacon at Palmyra, Missouri, September 15th, 1889, by Bishop John C. Granbery; ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 9th, 1894, at Carrollton, Missouri. Appointments filled: Centenary, St. Joseph, two years; Vandalia, two years; Shelbina Station, two years; Palmyra, four years, also President of Centenary Academy the latter part of term; Glasgow, four years; Fulton Station, one year, and Huntsville since 1904 to date, 1906. In these pastorates five hundred and thirty-five have been received into the Church. During the term at Glasgow the Church was repaired at a cost of $600, and at Huntsville the parsonage has been built over at a cost of $1,300.

School opportunities have been the public and private schools, and the classical course at Central College, from which institution was received the degree of Master of Arts, June, 1888, after taking post graduate work in "History of Philosophy," Biology and English. Albert B. Culbertson and Miss Ann Elizabeth Harrison, of Callaway County, Missouri, were married March 18th, 1891. Four sons and two daughters have come to bless the home, James Bernard, Dulcenia, Harrison Payne, Sarah Selby, Albert Bledsoe and William Terrill. The law office and the school work have been in full view more than once calling the subject of this sketch aside. The call to the ministry has been too clear to permit of wavering.

BOWMAN D. SIPPLE.

REV. HENRY HORWOOD JOHNSON.

Omni robore corroborati.
Strengthened with all might.—*St. Paul.*

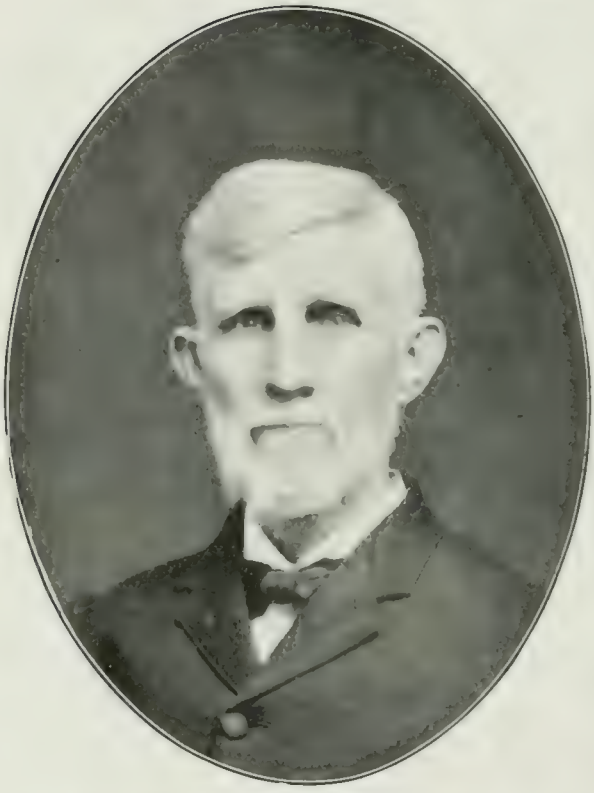


Rev. Henry Horwood Johnson, son of Henry and Mary Johnson, both members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Bristol, England, was born July 2nd, 1866, in the City of Bristol, England. He was converted at the Cotham Wesleyan Church, at the close of the Sunday School, at the earnest solicitation of his Sunday School teacher, Charles Phillips, but he believes the chief factor was the godly life and teaching of his mother. It was during family prayers conducted by his mother that both his father and himself were brought under conviction. It has been the constant aim of his life to grow in grace, and God has blessed him with a clearer revelation of His will, and he has earnestly endeavored to pursue the path He points out. He loves God and his fellowmen. He was licensed to preach by the Local Preachers' Meeting of the King Street Wesleyan Circuit, Bristol District, English Conference. Rev. George Latham was chairman of the District and Superintendent of the Circuit. He was fully accredited as a local preacher June 4th, 1888; was recommended to the Missouri Annual Conference, July 22nd, 1893, by the Quarterly Conference of Marceline and Brookfield, Macon District; and was received into the Missouri Conference on trial at Monroe City; Rev. C. Grimes, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Atticus G. Haygood presiding. Ordained Deacon by Bishop A. G. Haygood, September 17th, 1893, at Monroe City; ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery, September 3rd, 1899, at Fayette, Missouri. Appointments served: Marceline and Brookfield (supply), 1892; New London Circuit, 1893; Huntsville, 1896; Memphis, 1900; Monroe City, 1901; Albany, 1902; Salisbury and Asbury, 1904. About two hundred and sixty-four persons have been received into the Church on profession of faith under his ministry. The Huntsville Church and the parsonage at Salisbury were built during his pastorates. He was educated at the Grammar School, Bristol, England. This school articulated with Oxford University; he spent five years there, but did not finish the course. He was married to Miss Kayte E. Morgan, of Clifton, England, and they have one child, Leslie Morgan. The hour he promised God that he would never refuse to do anything he was called on to do in His service, but would make an effort to accomplish it in His name and leave results with Him, was possibly the most important crisis in his life. Pilgrim's Progress, Baxter's "Saint's Rest," "Tongue of Fire," "Spirit Filled Life," "The Mind of the Master," and "The Upper Room" have been some of the books that have proven very helpful and beneficial, aside from the Bible, in his Christian life. He believes that all higher education should be under Church auspices.

REV. S. WESLEY ATTERBERY.

Is not the pilgrim's toil o'er paid
By the clair rill and palmy shade?
And see we not, up Earth's dark glade,
The gate of Heaven unclose?—*Keble.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A.M.



Asbury and Eliza Atterbery were living on a farm near Fayette, Missouri, when the subject of this sketch, Squire Wesley Atterbery, was born, November 16th, 1841. The names of the father and son suggest Methodist love. Rev. S. W. Atterbery's conversion, when seventeen years old, was clear and definite. God then and there gave him such witness of the Spirit that he has ever been able to look back to his conversion with assurance and gratitude.

The call God gave him to the ministry was like his conversion, distinct, and he heard it with a glad heart and willing mind. His opportunity for education was in the public schools and about sixteen months at Central College. Among religious works that have inspired and helped him are "Ralston's Elements of Divinity," Bledsoe's Works, and the books in the Conference Course. Several church houses have been built by him, and he has led scores of souls to light and salvation. He was married to Mrs. Mary B. Cochran (nee Holt), March 25th, 1875.

His license to preach was granted by the Fayette Quarterly Conference, September, 1863, and the Quarterly Conference of the Flint Hill Circuit recommended him to the Missouri Annual Conference for admission on trial, August, 1868, and the following September in Mexico, Mo., he was admitted, at which time Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh ordained him Deacon. In September, 1872, he was ordained Elder by Bishop George F. Pierce. His appointments have all been in the Missouri Conference, as follows: Rocheport Circuit, one year; Forest City, one year; Savannah, one year; St. Joe, Tenth street, two years; Presiding Elder of the Gallatin District, four years; of the Plattsburg District, three years, then at Jameson, two years; Gallatin Mission, two years; Huntsville Circuit, two years; Paris, two years; Clarence, one year; Prairie Hill, one year; Renick, one year. At the conference of 1891, he took a superannuated relation and is today on that honored roll of our Conference. As was said of Barnabas, he is a good man, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. At his home in Huntsville he is loved and honored by all who know him, and his godly influence abides. It is well to note carefully what this man of long years and wide observation has to say concerning schools: "The Christian college is very necessary in all its work for both church and state."

REV. EDWARD MELVIN MANN.

When other lights go out, the Gospel kindles a brighter and a Diviner light.—*Bishop Haygood.*

By Rev. T. H. Swearingen.



Rev. Edward Melvin Mann, son of Alfred Mann and Nannie Frances Mann, was born on a farm near Keytesville, Missouri, in 1847. He was happily converted, August 15th, 1867, at a meeting held near Brother John P. Williams' home, three and one-half miles west of Keytesville, Missouri. Brother Mann was called of God to preach, and was so impressed by the Holy Spirit that he felt "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Prairie Chapel on the Keytesville charge, in 1870; Rev. William Penn, Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. F. Shores, preacher in charge. Brother Mann was admitted on trial into the Missouri Conference at Carrollton, in 1871; Bishop Kavanaugh presiding. He had served as junior preacher under Rev. John F. Shores on the Keytesville Circuit the year previous to his joining the Conference. He was ordained Deacon at Hannibal, Missouri, by Bishop Pierce in the fall of 1872; Elder by the same Bishop in Denver, Colorado, the fall of 1874. He served five charges in the seven years he was pastor: Fillmore Circuit, Arch Street, Hannibal, Denver, Moberly and Fayette. He was compelled to give up his work at Fayette on account of failing health. He was so ambitious and so consecrated to his work that he had to be persuaded much before he would consent to quit his much loved employ. He died in peace April 2d, 1877, in his parents' home in Keytesville, Missouri. He counted it a God-given privilege to be cared for by his father, mother, brothers and sisters, who did all that loved ones could do for him. I was the pastor of Keytesville Circuit at that time, and was with him often before he died. A short time before he passed away, he asked Dr. Marquis, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and myself, to go pray in secret for him, that God might give him relief in His own way, at His own time, for His own glory. When we returned from prayer his face lighted up and he said, "You don't know how full my poor heart is; I am too weak to tell you, but God answers prayer." In a few minutes he passed away in his sister's arms. Thus closed the good man's earthly life. I preached his funeral and we laid him to rest until God calls him again. Twenty-six years later I was sent back as pastor for two years to Keytesville, and during my last pastorate I was called to preach the funeral of his aged mother. Oh, that God, the Father, may bring all the family to Heaven at last.

MRS. ADAM HENDRIX.

Calvary is a love-token given to the whole Universe.
— *Bishop Marvin.*



Mrs. Adam Hendrix, so long President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Missouri Conference, and a Life Manager of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, interested in every good work, especially in education and missions, deserves a place in the annals of the first hundred years of Methodism in Missouri. She has survived for more than thirty years her devoted husband, Adam Hendrix, who was so long Curator and Treasurer of Central College, and one of its most liberal benefactors, having given the first $5,000 toward the $100,000 fund raised after the Civil War. Mrs. Hendrix was Miss Isabel Jane Murray and was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, December 18th, 1820. Her grandfather, John Murray, was born in Scotland. Her father, John E. Murray, was sheriff of Baltimore County, Maryland, at the time of his marriage to Sarah Baseman, who was of Welsh descent. Mrs. Hendrix was the eleventh of fourteen children, all of whom lived to have families, save one, who died in infancy. She joined the Methodist Church in Maryland when a child and never transferred her membership but once, and that was from her home to Fayette, Missouri, where she had lived for sixty-three years. In 1844 she married Adam Hendrix and removed to Howard County, Missouri, where he taught school for some years, later became Treasurer of Howard County, and for many years was a well-known banker, a warm friend of Mr. Robert A. Barnes of St. Louis, whose large benefactions of more than a million dollars to the Methodist Church were in part influenced by that friendship. Mrs. Hendrix was the mother of five children, three of whom survive, Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Mrs. A. F. Davis and Wilbur F. Hendrix. The cherished wish of their parents was to give them the best possible equipment for life. The eldest, Lieutenant F. M. Hendrix, graduated at the United States Naval Academy and the late Joseph C. Hendrix, a member of Congress and a prominent banker in New York city, took his course at Cornell University. Mrs. Hendrix, or "Mother Hendrix," as the Central and Howard-Payne students love to call her, has always taken the deepest interest in young life, and despite her fourscore and seven years, is mentally alert, sympathetic with all that is good, possessed of most excellent judgment, a wise counsellor, a cheerful, joyous believer. The "Isabel Hendrix School," in Bello Horizonte, Brazil, is named for this lover of missions.

MRS. WILLIE LOCKE COOPER.

Sow sunbeams on the rock and moor,
And find a harvest home of light!—*Horatius Bonar.*

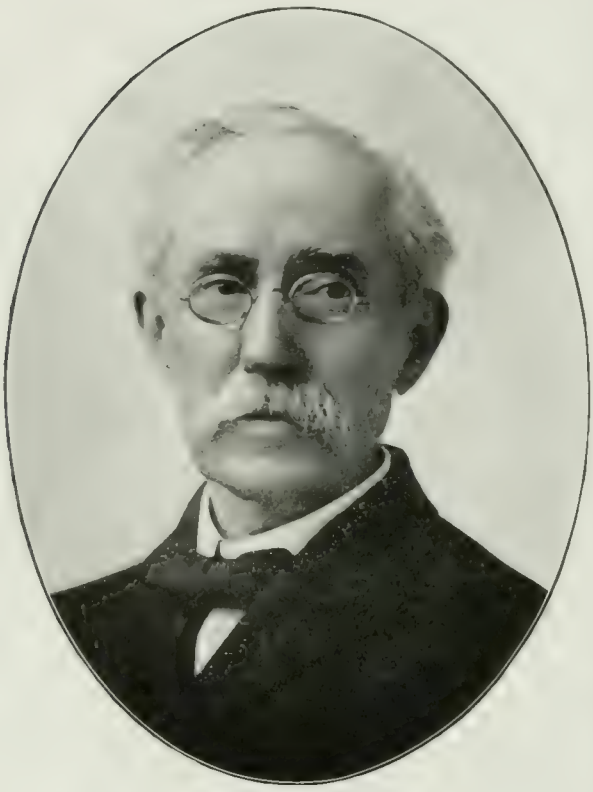


Mrs. Willie Locke Cooper, wife of Rev. Rice H. Cooper, was born in Chariton County, Missouri, July 6th, 1851. In early life she became a member of the Methodist Church, and ever afterward endeavored to live up to the high standard of her Church. In the winter of 1877, January 10th, at Brunswick, Mo., she entered into wedded life, and to plighted vows was ever true. Nine children were born to bless her love. Harry Merchant and Maybird died in infancy. Mr. Samuel Cooper is one of the substantial business men of Fayette. Miss Leutie Locke Cooper is a young woman of education and refinement. Robert Cooper and Paul Cooper are coming into young manhood. Miss Byrd Cooper is an accomplished young lady. Mark Cooper is the youngest son and Miss Constance is the youngest of the family.

It fell to the lot of Rev. R. H. Cooper and his wife to live eight years in St. Joseph, Mo. There they owned a city home, and to that dear home the weary itinerant returned all those years to enjoy the fellowship of that happy fireside. It was here that this writer first became acquainted with Brother and Sister Cooper. It was here I first felt the charm of the truly unselfish life of Sister Cooper. She had many domestic and social duties, but she was never too busy to come into the study and greet with a cordial welcome the visiting minister, no matter what his place in the Conference might be. Her gentleness endeared her to her husband's friends. In the city, with its many allurments and temptations, she stood for truth and integrity. In her Church, she advocated the things which make for progress and advancement. When the time came for her to leave St. Joseph, she left enshrined in the love many dear friends. It was her joy to help in planning their last home, Sunny Side, Fayette, Mo. She entered gracefully into the Christian and classic life of Fayette. Her ample new home even enlarged her love for entertaining. She sat as a queen at the head of her table, dispensing hospitality to her guests. When the shadows of suffering fell across her spirit, this home to her was all the sweeter. The roses at the doorway were planted by her own hands. She was a lover of beauty and of God. When the angels of God came they received her spirit into a mansion in the skies. The dear home and the sweet roses of Heaven are hers forever.

REV. ALONZO V. BAYLEY.

As the embodiment of love the human spirit finds in Christ the climate
And the conditions exactly adapted to its own realization.
—*Dr. J. W. Lee.*



Rev. Alonzo V. Bayley, whose father was a prosperous merchant of Brunswick, Missouri, was born March 20th, 1846. His mother was a daughter of Dr. Mace C. Spencer, who moved from Virginia to Brunswick about 1835. She married Rev. W. G. Caples and died in 1865, in St. Louis, Mo. Bro. Bayley was converted and joined the church under the ministry of his step-father at the age of fifteen. He attended the home schools, good ones, till they were closed by the Civil War, then entered Washington University, of St. Louis.

On account of the death of Mr. Caples he at once left school to go to the relief of his mother and younger brothers and sisters, the older brothers being absent in the Confederate Army.

He took a course in commercial college and was employed in a commission office in St. Louis; then as secretary by Rev. Jas. O. Swinney, of Glasgow; then read law for a short time under Judge Thos. Shackleford till convinced he ought to preach. He was recommended by the Brunswick church, Rev. Wm. Perkins, pastor, and was licensed, signed by Horace Brown, presiding elder.

He was recommended for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of Glasgow, Rev. Wm. Penn, pastor, and Rev. Wm. A. Mayhew, presiding elder; was admitted to the Annual Conference on trial at Weston, 1868. He was ordained deacon, 1870, at Leavenworth City, by Bishop McTyeire, and elder in 1872, at Nebraska City, by Bishop Pierce.

In 1884 he married Miss Belle M. Clough, a noble Christian, of Columbia, Missouri, who died in 1900, leaving three sons and two daughters—Alphonso V. Bayley, Albert C. Bayley, Ernest R. Bayley, Minnie B. Bayley, and Julia C. Bayley.

His ministry has been in Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri, attended with revivals at Atchison, Platsburg, Dearborn, Canton and Clarksville, with camp-meetings at Paola and Shelbyville and erecting churches at Kirksville and Gallatin.

For twenty-five years he assisted Brother Vincil at the Conference Secretary's table.

After thirty-two years of active service, impaired health required superannuation.

Though his mother died when he was nineteen, to her teaching and example he is more indebted than any other.

From early childhood, family and friends have been partial, the Conference kindly considerate.

In unspeakable sorrow, brotherly sympathy has cheered and God's grace sustained.

REV. WILLIAM PENN.

But ye are come unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.—*St. Paul.*



Rev. William Penn was born February 21st, 1836, in Warren County, Kentucky. He was a son of Rev. James Penn and Mary Penn, both of whom were members of the Methodist Church all their lives. He was a brother of Rev. John Wesley Penn, Rev. George W. Penn, Rev. Thomson Penn, Edward M. Penn and James W. Penn. He was converted September 1st, 1850, in Green County, Kentucky, and was received into the church the evening of his conversion. His growth in grace steadily increased for thirty-five years, or during his ministry. Much depended upon system and punctuality in the use of the means of religious growth. He was for a time a licensed exhorter under Rev. James M. Green, pastor of the Montecello Circuit; his father, Rev. James Penn, being the assistant preacher under Rev. Horace Brown, Presiding Elder, who employed him. He was recommended for license to preach by the church at LaGrange, at which place he was attending school; the Quarterly Conference of Hydesburg, Hannibal District, recommended him to the Annual Conference, and he was received into the Annual Conference in 1853; Rev. Andrew Monroe, Presiding Elder, and Bishop James O. Andrew presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Early at Richmond, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop J. O. Andrew at Glasgow, Missouri. Brother Penn served our Circuits and Stations acceptably. His greatest work was as Presiding Elder. He was one of our best Presiding Elders. Many souls were converted in the time of his ministry, and it was his pleasure to minister to their edification in the faith. He attended Rev. Mr. Whipple's Academy at LaGrange, Missouri. He was a student all his days, and became a master in his line. He was Curator of Howard Female College for about ten years of his itinerant life, and took great interest in Christian education. He was married three times, first to Miss Maria E. Earnest, in January, 1854; then to Miss Orion E. Stephenson in December, 1867; and to Miss Susan M. Matheny, March 15th, 1882. His children are Earnest E. Penn, Mary E. Penn, Laura B. Penn, Henry C. Penn, Florence A. Penn, Thomson J. Penn, and Edwin M. Penn. "The church has been my first and strongest love," he wrote. Brother Penn sent his sons to Central College and gave them the best possible education. He died at Woodlandville, Boone County, Missouri.



REV. HENRY EDGAR DRAPER, A. B.

As God created Man, so God's Son created Manliness.
—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*

Rev. Henry E. Draper, the subject of this sketch, was born in Smith County, Tennessee, January the 13th, 1873. His parents, Brice R. and Mary Coward Draper, were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and brought up their children in the faith.

Being thrown on his own resources at the age of twenty, he set out to obtain an education at all cost, and for ten years struggled to this end. First he attended the country and village schools, taught four years in his native state, and afterwards came West, attended the Missouri State University, and graduated from that institution with the A. B. degree, 1903.

June the 1st, 1891, under the preaching of that rare evangelist, Rev. Sam P. Jones, he was converted and afterwards joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in South Carrollton, Kentucky, receiving the ordinances of baptism from his uncle, the Rev. S. L. C. Coward, of the Louisville Conference. His license to preach was granted by the Lebanon, Tennessee, District Conference, June 28th, 1895.

His marriage to Miss Ova M. Perkins in 1898 has been a happy one. Mrs. Draper is gifted especially in working with the Juniors of the church. In the year 1898 they came to Missouri. His first work in Missouri as a preacher was on the Columbia Circuit, which he organized and where he preached as a supply for five years. The Fair View church on this Circuit was built during his pastorate. He joined the Missouri Conference at Mexico, Missouri, September, 1903, and was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix two years later at Palmyra, Missouri. He considers that the way was opened to him to complete his University course in answer to prayer. Thrice blessed the man who can point to some season and say "I know God then heard and answered my prayer." God's answer to one prayer is the pledge and assurance of other and greater answers.

It is no wonder that this man has been abundant in labors and that scores of souls have been led to Christ under his ministry, since he counts it his highest privilege to serve God in the capacity of a minister of the Gospel, and prays only for efficiency and qualification as God sees best. This coming September, 1907, he will close a very successful four years' pastorate at Armstrong.



REV. ROBERT MORRIS HARDAWAY.

May all that is noble in our thought embody itself in all that is Generous in Action.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

Rev. Robert Morris Hardaway, son of Benjamin Aker Hardaway, was born in Breckenridge County, Kentucky, October 18th, 1854. He was educated under Dr. D. C. Clarkson, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University. In 1875 he entered Vanderbilt University, this being the first year in the history of this noble institution, and in 1878 finished his course, one among her first graduates. On September 18th, 1879, he was married to Miss Mary Emma Cox, also a pupil of Dr. D. C. Clarkson, and later a graduate of Logan Female College, Russellville, Kentucky. Four children were born of this marriage, Mary Elstone Hardaway, John Benjamin Hardaway, Robert Morris Hardaway and Wallace Duncan Hardaway. In the same month of his wedding, September, 1879, he was received into the Louisville Conference at Madisonville, Kentucky, and was appointed to Shepherdsville, Kentucky. He served twelve years in this Conference, his last charge being Brandenburg. By a transfer of territory he was led to join the Illinois Conference in 1890, and served seven years as Presiding Elder of Pana District, preacher in charge of Kinmundy, Nashville and Marion Churches. In the year 1897 he joined the Missouri Conference, in which he has served Osborn, Millville, Hardin, St. Charles and Glasgow. Brother Hardaway is a good preacher and a fine pastor. His wife is one of the noble women of Methodism. His sons are men of promise. He preaches a thoughtful gospel and attends to all the details of a Methodist preacher's work. He can be depended upon to bring up his collections, and all this work is done by wholesome methods.

REV. JAMES HENRY HAGER.

Man's religious, moral, and intellectual activities are evermore
And everywhere the Spirit's field. —*Bishop Hendrix.*

Rev. James Henry Hager was born in Cabol County, Virginia, near the City of Huntington, August 13th, 1846. When about three years old his father moved to Kentucky where he was reared. His father was Harmon Daniel Hager, and his mother's name was Letitia Brown Hager. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from the time he was a small boy. Their home was the preacher's stopping place during the life-time of his mother. He was converted in 1868, in Jackson, Kentucky, when alone, a little after nightfall. He had been a seeker for two years. He had joined the church when ten years old under the ministry of Rev. W. W. Chamberlain, of the Kentucky Conference. He was religiously inclined from his youth up. He was licensed to preach by the West Liberty District of the Kentucky Conference, Rev. Elkanah Johnson, Presiding Elder, October 31st, 1868; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference in 1871, and he was received into the Annual Conference that same year; Bishop Wightman, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Wightman in 1874, at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; ordained Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh, at Charleston, West Virginia, in 1876. He served a number of charges in Kentucky and West Virginia before being transferred to the Missouri Conference in 1886. He now lives in Oklahoma. He has received about four hundred and seventy-eight persons into the church, with perhaps nearly as many more who have been converted in the meetings in which he has labored. He received his education in the common schools of Kentucky, and also received private instruction under Rev. N. G. Robinson and Rev. Lewis Mays, both of whom were good scholars and gave him great help in carrying on his studies. He was first married to Miss Elmira Combs, July 13th, 1868, and again married to Miss Ruann L. Walsh, August 18th, 1872. The following named children were born to him: Samuel Eugene Hager and Warren Stewart Hager (children of his first wife), and Lulu Bell Hager, Letitia Alia Hager, May Grace Hager, Sally Hager, James H. Hager, Annie Lillian Hager (children of the second marriage). His oldest son was licensed to preach by the Millersburg Quarterly Conference, Kentucky. Rev. James H. Hager, his son, is a missionary to Japan, and a man of high standing.



T. Shackelford

HON. THOMAS SHACKELFORD.

And as those nightly tapers disappear when day's bright lord Ascends our hemisphere, so pale grows Reason at Religion's Sight.—*Dryden.*

Thomas Shackelford, layman, is the son of Mr. Thomas Shackelford and Mrs. Eliza Chieves Shackelford. His father was a native of Virginia and his mother was a native of North Carolina, of Huguenot stock. His father was not a professor of religion. He had imbibed the sentiments of Tom Paine and was a constant reader of Paine's "Age of Reason." His mother was reared in the Baptist faith and was converted under the ministry of Rev. A. P. Williams. She attended a three-weeks debate between Rev. A. P. Williams and Rev. Jesse Greene. As a result of that debate she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thomas Shackelford was born in Saline County in the state of Missouri on the 6th of February, 1822. He was converted at Glasgow, Missouri, in September, 1847, under the ministry of the Rev. W. G. Caples, and joined the church then and was baptized by Rev. Andrew Monroe, Presiding Elder. He says he made the mistake of his life prior to his conversion by judging Christianity by the walk of the worst rather than the best members. The beautiful walk of his mother, elder sister, and brother-in-law, made such an impression upon him that he was convinced that something more was wanted to secure human happiness than a moral life, that true virtue was "temptation resisted." Joy and Peace came while reading in the silence of his own room the fifth chapter of Romans, the first verse beginning: "Therefore, being justified by faith we have Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." But Doubts came and he never felt assured until he resolved to work in the service of the Master in every way he could. He was appointed leader in a class composed of old members of the Church. He now looks back with pleasure and gratitude to the many uplifting scenes in that classroom. The next step was to attend faithfully to all the means of grace. The work in the Sabbath School was a delight. He was thus impressed with the conviction that in order to maintain Spiritual and Physical health that a faithful attendance on the means of grace would break the monotony of business life and while good for the Spiritual man would also insure bodily health and thus give joy and peace in life's pilgrimage. He early refused the use of tobacco in any form. When a small boy leaning on his mother's lap she asked him to promise her that he would never enter the doors of a saloon. It is a sweet remembrance of this mother when he can say in truth he never violated that promise. He was the author of the legislation on the subject of Temperance put in Discipline at the Memphis General Conference.

Let me close this sketch in the language of David Starr Jordan: "My message shall appeal to enthusiasm in things of life. A call to do things because we love them, to love things because we do them, to keep the eyes open, the heart warm and the pulse swift as we move across the field of life."

REV. JOHN ANDREW HUGHES.

Let not my bark in calm abide, but win her fearless way against
The chafing tide.—*Keble.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A. M.

Rev. John Andrew Hughes is the son of Kentucky Methodists, Henry and Hero Hughes. He was born in Owen County of that state, August 20th, 1871. His "Second Birth" was given him around the fireside in the County of Callaway, Missouri, during the autumn of 1886. He did not join the church till 1888. His growth in grace has been constant and gradual, and his love for God and sympathy with his fellowmen develops from day to day. He was granted license to preach by the Mexico District Conference, March the 20th, 1902, Rev. John Anderson, D. D., presiding, and one year later he was recommended by the St. Charles District Conference to the Missouri Annual Conference for admission on trial. The Annual Conference met in Mexico, Missouri, September, 1903, and he was received on trial, Bishop Charles B. Galloway presiding. His first appointment was Silex Circuit, St. Charles District. He served this charge three years, and last conference (September, 1905). Bishop E. R. Hendrix appointed him to the Dalton Circuit in the Fayette District. Twenty-five persons have been added to the church under his ministry. He attended school at Westminster College for some time, but did not complete the course.

He was married to Miss Jennie Norvell, September 24th, 1903.

He is fond of history and considers that "Redford's History of Methodism in Kentucky" has exercised a great influence over him. His words for the Christian College are: "It supplies a deep felt need to which the merely secular schools do not minister."



DR. CHARLES W. WATTS.

Beholding shall confess that here on earth God hath dispensed
His bounties as in Heaven.—*Milton.*

Dr. Charles W. Watts was born in Huntsville, Missouri, August 24th, 1844. He was dedicated to the service of God by Holy baptism in infancy by the Rev. Jesse Green, of precious memory, in 1844. He was called to preach, and preached his first sermon in 1849, to a congregation of children in his father's yard, the occasion being the funeral of a canary bird. They buried little Dick in a match box in the garden, and many were the heart aches and tears that were shed from pure sorrow and grief. The sermon was preached at the request of his sister who went to Jesus in 1865. A lady is still living in Huntsville, Missouri, who heard that sermon and was converted. He was licensed to preach in 1872, by Rev. B. H. Spencer. In 1874 he was received on trial into the Annual Conference at St. Joseph, Missouri; Bishops Keener and Marvin presiding at that Conference. Dr. Watts served the following charges: Gosneyville, Kearney, Haynesville, Rushville, New Market, Weston, St. Joseph, Missouri, at Frederick Avenue Church, Auxvasse, Norborne, Farber. He located in Mexico, Missouri, in 1886, and since then has helped in various fields of labor in Tennessee, Arkansas and Missouri as an evangelist. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop McTyeire in 1876, at Hannibal, Missouri, and ordained Elder by Bishop Wightman a few years later at Louisiana, Missouri. A great many people have been received into the church under his ministry, and he has baptized many infants. He says that whatever he has accomplished in the ministry has been done by God's help only, his motto being "Jesus and the Resurrection."

This sketch should not come to a close without a tribute to the father and mother of Dr. Watts. These were devout and influential people in Fayette, Missouri. They were choice spirits.

MRS. SUSAN ANN ROBERTS RICH.

The Bible was intended to enlighten Man upon those matters
Which appertain to his own condition, duty and destiny.
—*Bishop Marvin.*



Susan Ann Roberts, the daughter of James Roberts and his wife, Clarissa, was born in Garrard County, Kentucky, September 28th, 1828. At an early age she moved with her father and his family to Boone County, Missouri, and they settled on a farm on a portion of which is located a part of the town of Ashland. While yet quite young she was converted and joined Salem Baptist Church, near Ashland, under the ministry of Dr. Noah Doyle, but afterward, her father having been converted and having been largely instrumental in erecting a church building on his farm and having assumed church relations with the Methodists, Susan also united with the Methodists. In 1849 her mother died and the duties of housekeeper for a large family of children and servants devolved largely on Susan. On September 26th, 1854, she was united in marriage with the Rev. George W. Rich, the then preacher in charge of Ashland Circuit, the Rev. Enoch M. Marvin performing the marriage ceremony. Mr. Rich was a Northern-born man and because of that fact her Kentucky father expressed very emphatic disapproval of the marriage when the proposition was first submitted to him, but afterward became thoroughly reconciled and was heard to say: "When you do strike a good Yankee he is a very acceptable man." Mrs. Rich accompanied her husband to the various Circuits which he traveled as a Methodist preacher until her condition of health rendered her unable longer to do so. During the war between the States she was thrown from a horse, the back of her head striking against some hard substance causing injury to the nerves that produced a palsied condition which continually grew worse till her death. Her school opportunities were not good, but she was by nature well endowed mentally, shrewd, and, though somewhat reserved, possessed of a fine sense of humor; before the hardships of life began to make inroads on her physical system she was a beautiful woman, tall, active, with black hair and eyes. Her reading was confined, for the most part, to the Bible, books of sermons of which Marvin's was her favorite, and the St. Louis Advocate. Three of her children, Samuel, Charles and Ida, died in infancy. One brother, William M. Roberts, Ashland, Missouri, one sister, Mrs. Julia A. Britt, Rockville, Missouri, three children, John A. Rich, Slater, Missouri, Mrs. Lula Warren, Lexington, Missouri, and James B. Rich, Fayette, Missouri, survive her. She died at the home of her son-in-law, Prof. Alfred P. Warren, at Fayette, May 1st, 1899, and her body was deposited beside that of her husband's, in the old cemetery there. The surviving children fully expect that the family will be reunited in Heaven.

REV. GEORGE WHEELOCK RICH.

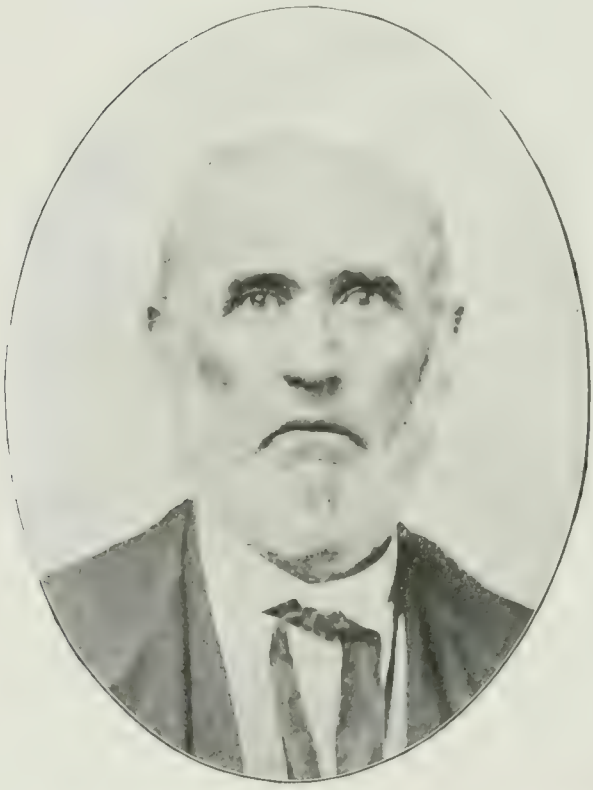
Heaven gives us friends to bless the present scene; resumes
Them, to prepare us for the next.—*Young.*



Rev. George Wheelock Rich was born in Chittenden County, Vermont, November 21st, 1818. His father was Samuel Rich, of English descent; his mother, before her marriage, Sarah Wheelock; they were devout Congregationalists; both died before George was ten years old, though he continued under the care of religious people till he reached his majority. His guardian carefully prepared him to enter College but, seized with the "Western Fever," as soon as he became possessed of his small patrimony he left Vermont in 1840 and never returned. For two years he taught school in Jackson County, Michigan, then went to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where lived his brother, Hiram Rich, a merchant. In 1843 he went to Santa Fe, returning the following August. For several years he was a very efficient district school teacher in Howard County, Missouri, and in 1851 (quoting his language), "at a camp-meeting held at Bethel, between Fayette and Glasgow, resulting in many conversions, I was most powerfully converted; this work was of God." At once he began to respond to the call to preach, of which he entertained no doubt, exhorting and conducting religious services at the request of Rev. Andrew Monroe, Presiding Elder. Licensed to preach in the Spring of 1852, he was assigned work on the Huntsville Circuit as junior under Rev. Martin L. Eads, preacher in charge. Pursuing the usual course of study he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Kavanaugh, 1854; Elder by Bishop Pierce, 1856. He was over six feet tall, very strong physically. Dr. Joseph H. Pritchett says of him: "He had naturally a good mind and average education for his day. His early ministry was remarkably efficient. His thoughts were clear, his feelings profound." He was known among his brethren as "the weeping prophet." I have no doubt that he injured himself, physically, by over-exertion in preaching, prompted by the impulses of his strong, emotional nature. Because of "over-exertion in preaching" his throat gave out, compelling him to locate in 1858; teaching one year at Rocheport, one in Howard High School; in 1860 he purchased and moved to a farm in Howard County. Of great energy and endurance he worked with the hired hands in the field, "always lifting the big end of the log." He taught school in the winter and preached nearly every Sunday till silenced by the authorities for refusing to take a certain oath prescribed for preachers; being lodged in jail he was released through the importunities of friends. He would have succeeded well as a money-maker had he devoted his efforts thereto. Readmitted in 1868, in 1870 supernumerary, effective in 1875 and so continuing till superannuation in 1887, though thereafter he continued to preach till stricken with his last illness. After conference superannuation he was instrumental in erecting a new church building in Saline County which bears the name, "Rich Chapel." Saturday, December 23d, 1889, against the protest of family and physician, he rode from his home in Slater, Missouri, ten miles, to Walnut Grove, preached and administered the Lord's Supper the next day, returned home Monday and took to his bed, where he remained till he died March 5th, 1890. Shortly before his death he testified to his faith in God.

REV. DR. WILLIAM B. WATTS.

Then farewell Night! of darkness, now, no more; joy breaks,
Shines, triumphs; 'tis eternal day.—*Young.*



Rev. Dr. William B. Watts was born in Madison County, Virginia, October 4th, 1804. He died in Chariton County, Missouri, December 12th, 1878. He was twice married, first to Miss Sarah Blakey, and during her life they were converted, they being young people fond of worldly pleasures. While attending a camp-meeting near Ruckersville, Virginia, she was convicted of sin and went to the altar for prayer; he, thinking that if she became a Christian, it would spoil all their pleasure, went to the altar and led her to a tent. The minister seeing it, called on the congregation to get on their knees and pray for that young man. They joined in prayer as one voice, the minister leading; it was not many moments until he was powerfully convicted, and his cries for mercy were heard at the altar; then went to the tent from the altar and he and his wife were happily converted before they left their knees. From that time on his life was one of a consistent Christian. His second marriage was to Miss Elizabeth Burton, his first wife dying in early life. His second wife was always a help to him in his Christian life. In 1835 he moved to Missouri with his family. Soon after he was converted he felt the call to preach the Gospel, which he did and was ordained Deacon by Bishop Morris in Fayette, Missouri, in 1839; ordained Elder by Bishop Paine in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1850, when he took work as an itinerant, but owing to his family being too cumbersome he only sustained this relation to the Conference a year or two. After that he had regular appointments as a local preacher, until stricken with paralysis in 1867. From that time up to the time of his death he preached whenever he was able. He was also a great Temperance worker and did much good in that work. He helped a great deal in protracted meetings and was the means of bringing many souls to Christ. Though gone to his reward there is yet fruit of his labors left to carry on the work. One who knew him for forty years says that his life was one of constant piety and that he had a constant desire for the salvation of souls. This sketch is signed by Mrs. T. E. Gilliam, Mrs. P. S. Williams, daughters, and Mrs. M. M. Pitts, a sister.

REV. JOSEPH Y. BLAKEY.

The spider's most attenuated thread is cord, is cable, to man's
Tender tie on earthly bliss; it breaks at every breeze.—*Young.*

By Rev. Bowman D. Sipple.



Rev. Joseph Y. Blakey was born in Howard County, Missouri, November 20, 1836; united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as a seeker of religion in August, 1855, under the ministry of Rev. M. R. Jones at Haynesville Missouri; was converted at Antioch Church, near Hainesville, in a meeting held by the "O'Kelleyite" Methodists, now "Christian Union"; was married to Miss Ella Arnold in Clay County, in 1861; was licensed to exhort by the Greenville Society, Haynesville, now Kearney and Lathrop Circuit, Weston, now Plattsburg District, May, 1862, Rev. W. A. Tarwater, Presiding Elder; was licensed to preach, August, 1862, Rev. M. R. Jones, Presiding Elder; supplied the Liberty Circuit, 1866-7; Rev. William M. Rush, Presiding Elder; was received on trial at Macon, September 5, 1867, and ordained Deacon by Bishop Marvin; ordained Elder in 1871, by Bishop Doggett, and continued to preach the Gospel, that had done him so much good, as long as strength would permit. The pastoral charges served were in the following order: Camden, Gallatin, Spring Hill, Brunswick and Keytesville, Linneus, Platte City and Weston, Montgomery City, Jonesburg, Pleasant Grove, Fulton Station, St. Charles Station, Chillicothe Station, Albany Station, Lawson and Lathrop, Cameron Station, Brunswick Station, Triplett, Hardin, New Franklin and Clark, Armstrong, Cedar City, Madison, and Glasgow Circuit. For one year he was a superannuate, the result of many years of suffering in the midst of toil. More than twenty years before his death the writer of this sketch first knew him, and he was then a great sufferer. Yet he did his work faithfully. Brother Blakey was a strong preacher of the Word, ready in debate, possessed of a kind heart, well suited to the pastoral work which he kept up faithfully. Many boys were inspired to a better life by his talks about the fireside in the country home as he spent the night; many homes were blessed by his earnest prayers at the family altar; strong friendships were formed with the best people in humble life as well as in wealthy homes. His mission was to all classes. He had access to the young people. As he grew older it was his delight to have young preachers to help him in revivals. No jealousy was in his heart. The strongest words of commendation would be given in public and private for the services of such young men. The list of appointments indicates a successful ministry. In the midst of his labors in one of the last charges he served the writer found him as eager to save souls as in his earlier years. His last year was spent with the knowledge of the approaching end. The preparation did not bring gloom and despair to him. "On the contrary, it was a happy year, a year of deepening humility and broadening love." For thirty-one years he had not missed a conference. The Missouri Conference met in Memphis, August 31, 1898. Joseph Y. Blakey did not answer to his name at roll-call, for he was within seven hours of the roll-call above. He died in Fayette, Missouri, in the county of his birth, where he was loved and appreciated most.

REV. DAVID FRANCIS BONE.

To take the Cross and follow Thee, where love and duty lead,
Shall be my portion and my praise.—*Madame Guyon.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A. M.



Rev. D. F. Bone, the son of Levi and Catherine Jane (Burros) Bone, who came from Kentucky and settled near Carrollton, Missouri, in 1839, was born on a farm near that town, January 5th, 1843. His mother was a niece of Rev. Ruben Burrow, who helped to found the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. When only four years old his father died, but his mother kept the fire burning on the home altar. At the age of seven, while his mother was singing, "Home, Sweet Home," his heart was touched and conversation together soon brought to him sweet peace of soul. Being left with the early care of his mother, and having joined the Confederate army when only seventeen years old, deprived him of much early school advantages. In the army under the preaching of Bishop Enoch M. Marvin he was led to see that he had gone far away from his God and, after a whole night of struggle in prayer, he could truly say "The Lord has restored unto me the joys of His Salvation." He considers this night of prayer the crisis in his Christian career. Though a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the church of his mother in his boyhood days, he placed his certificate of membership from the army church with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Carrollton, Missouri. In 1868, this Quarterly Conference gave him license to preach and recommended him for the traveling connection. In the fall of 1868, he was admitted on trial into the Missouri Annual Conference, which met at Weston, Missouri. He received his Deacon Orders in 1879, and Elders Orders in 1873—sickness having prevented his being present at the conference of 1872. He has been an active itinerant for thirty-six years in the Missouri Conference and has served the following charges in the order named: Camden, two years; Norborne, one; Mandeville, one; Liberty and Missouri City, one; Osborn, two; Platte City, two; Davis Chapel and Mount Moriah, two; St. Joseph Circuit, three; Hundley Chapel, one; Tenth Street, one; Savannah, two; Maryville, one; Mound City, two; Hoagland Chapel, one; Fayette Circuit, two; Centenary—St. Joseph, one; Dearborn Circuit, four; Lineville, one; Gallatin District, four; Monroe City, two, and now in his third year as pastor of Higbee Circuit. He has married twice. First to Miss Ella M. Devlin. Their children are Rev. Joseph Marvin, Charles Spencer, Fannie Laura, Frank Lee, and Anna Ella. September 3rd, 1885, he was married to Miss Nannie V. Paulette. Their children are Mary, Catherine, Paulette and Mildred Virginia. "Pilgrim's Progress," "Saints Rest," "Man of Gallilee," "Fletcher's Checks," "The Mind of the Master," and "Skilled Labor for the Master" are books he has read with great profit.

Of the Church School he says: "The church must endow, equip and maintain far better colleges and universities, if she would train the young men and women, save the church, the state, the nation, and the world: and this is her only business in the world."

He has been especially gifted with evangelistic powers, and those who have professed faith in Jesus under his preaching are numbered by the thousand. Many of the preachers in the Missouri Conference whom he has assisted in meetings will testify to his gifts in this direction. Six church houses and three parsonages have been built under his pastorate.

REV. THOMAS HOWARD SWEARINGEN.

Sed recipietis virtuem Spiritus Sancti, postquam supervenerit in vos.—Jesus.
But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come Upon you.



Rev. Thomas Howard Swearingen was born March 9th, 1852, in Platte County, Missouri. His father, John Swearingen, and mother, Milia Jane Swearingen, were both members of the Missionary Baptist Church. He was very marvelously converted at a campmeeting held by local preachers at Morrow's campground not far from Perrin, Missouri, September 15th, 1870. He joined the church the 19th of September, at the said camp ground. He has never to this day doubted the great work God did for him at that time, but his growth in grace, on account of his unfaithfulness, as he terms it, was much slower than it should have been. After preaching for a number of years, the Holy Spirit convinced him, through the Word as he studied it, that he could be sanctified and be made perfect in love, so as he had taken vows upon him to go into perfection, (perfect love in this life), he began earnestly and prayerfully to seek it, and continued seeking it, more or less, for years, and God, true to His promises, sanctified his soul June 22nd, 1896. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Osborn Circuit, Plattsburg District, held at Stewartsville, Missouri, September 12th, 1874; Rev. D. F. Bone preacher in charge and Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder. He was received into the Missouri Annual Conference on trial at St. Joseph, Missouri, September 15th, 1874; Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder, and Bishop John C. Keener, presiding. He was ordained Deacon at Hannibal, Missouri, September 17th, 1876, by Bishop Holland N. McTyeire, and was ordained Elder by Bishop David S. Doggett at Macon City, Missorui, September 15th, 1878. Appointments filled, commencing in 1874: Polo Charge, 1874-1876; Keytesville, 1876-1877; Beckenridge, 1877-1878; transferred to Western Conference and was stationed at Wyandotte, Kansas, from 1878 to 1880; Atchison, Kansas, 1880-1881; transferred back to Missouri Conference and served at Platte City from 1881 to 1882; Lathrop and Lawson, 1882 to 1884; went to Colorado, and when Brother Lee died, he was appointed to fill out his time at Morrison Chapel, Denver, Colorado, in 1885; then at Millville, Missouri, from 1885 to 1889; Plattsburg, 1889-1891; St. Joseph Circuit, 1891-1895; Savannah Circuit, 1895-1898; Sturgeon, 1898-1900; Keytesville and Asbury Chapel, 1900-1902; Armstrong, 1902-1903; supernumerary 1903-1904; Hallsville Charge, 1904-1906; supernumerary at present, 1906-1907, and possibly longer. He has received into the church about fifteen hundred; built two churches while on Polo work; finished up one at Holt; built one on St. Joseph Circuit; bought the lot at Savannah; built the parsonage at Wyandotte, Kansas; finished one at Atchison; built a new one at Savannah; bought the parsonage at Millville; paid for one at Keytesville, and built one at Armstrong. His education was received at public schools, with two terms at Central College, Fayette, Missouri. He was married March 20th, 1879, to Miss Isabelle N. Bryan.



REV. FRED EARNEST MOSLEY.

Life is given for Culture; Culture is bestowed for fruit.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A. M.

Rev. Fred Earnest Mosley first saw the light of day in Clinton County, Missouri, June 5th, 1877. He is the son of Henry C. and Catherine Mosley, both members of the Missionary Baptist Church.

He was "Born Again" at Kearney, Missouri, December, 1897, after being brought under deep conviction for sin by the preaching of evangelist Weaver of the Presbyterian persuasion, and earnestly seeking pardon for two days and nights. As soon as God gave peace to his soul he applied for admission into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Kearney, Missouri. Rev. L. N. Wagoner, pastor. With his conversion came a distinct call to preach the gospel. This call was, for a time, resisted, even to the spiritual hurt of his soul. But finally, in the Providence of God, he gave himself wholly to this call, and has since had joy in His service and clear evidence of divine approval.

He received his license to preach from the Fayette District Conference, May the 10th, 1900, Rev. John Anderson, D. D., Presiding Elder, and Rev. G. M. Gibson was his pastor.

For his school life he spent three years in Central College and one year in the Missouri State University.

At the Fayette District Conference, March 29th, 1905, he was recommended to the Missouri Annual Conference for admission on trial, and was received in the following September, Bishop E. R. Hendrix presiding, and ordaining him Deacon at the session of this Conference.

He served, as a supply, the Columbia Circuit from December 1904 to the close of that Conference year, and was appointed by Bishop Hendrix to the Columbia Circuit September, 1905.

He has taken twenty-seven members into the church. "The Cure of Souls" by Ian McLaren has impressed him, and he believes the Christian College is of value both to church and state, inasmuch as such a college develops Christian manhood and womanhood.



REV. LUTHER CARLISLE MAGGART.

I would the great world grew like thee,
Who grewest not alone in power
And knowledge, but by year and hour
In reverence and in charity.—*Tennyson.*

Rev. Luther Carlisle Maggart was born, August 8th, 1869, at Milan, Sullivan County, Missouri. He is the son of the Rev. W. C. Maggart and Sarah Elizabeth Maggart, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in November, 1890, at St. Charles, Missouri, in a meeting conducted by the Rev. W. H. Lewis, D. D., and it was his personal appeal that led Brother Maggart to Christ. He was licensed to preach, August 22nd, 1892, by the Quarterly Conference of the St. Charles District; Rev. W. C. Maggart, preacher in charge, and Rev. Geo. W. Penn, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the same Quarterly Conference at the same time, and was received into the Annual Conference in September, 1892, at Montgomery City, Missouri; Rev. Geo. W. Penn, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Charles B. Galloway, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, September 15th, 1895, at Macon City, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Warren A. Candler, September 4th, 1898, at Memphis, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Saverton Circuit, 1892-1893; Glasgow Circuit, 1893-1894; Memphis Circuit, 1894-1895; Brashear Circuit, 1895-1896; Atlanta Circuit, 1896-1899; LaPlata, 1899-1900; Queen City Circuit, 1900-1902; Clarksville Circuit, 1902-1905; New Franklin Circuit, 1905-1907. He has received about six hundred persons into the church under his ministry. He built a beautiful church on the Glasgow Circuit, began one at Elmwood, and purchased a parsonage at Atlanta, Missouri, and repaired a parsonage or church house on each charge he has served. He built the new brick church at Eolia, Missouri. His education was received at Breckenridge, Chillicothe, and St. Charles College. He was married to Miss Esther C. Zumwalt, October 12th, 1893. Brother Maggart, himself the son of a Methodist preacher, has grown in his love of Methodist doctrine and usage. He is loyal to the church committed to his care, and labors zealously to promote the interests of all the organized boards of the church. He is a reader of good books and keeps abreast with the best things in literature. He is ready for the educational campaign which is to mark the Methodism of Missouri in 1907.

REV. NICHOLAS FRANKLIN MATHEWS.

I seek two things in this world, Truth and Love; whosoever Assists me in this search is a friend indeed.—*John Wesley.*



Rev. Nicholas Franklin Mathews was born October 3rd, 1862, near Chillicothe, Livingston County, Missouri. He is a son of Stephen B. Mathews and Mary H. Mathews. His father is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and his mother belongs to the Christian Church. He was converted in January, 1885, in Zion Baptist Church near his old home in Livingston County, under the ministry of Rev. Bane. He was convicted of sin about 1875, under the preaching of Rev. M. N. Allen, but did not fully surrender and confess Christ until 1885. Year by year his pathway grows brighter, his heart is fixed and he knows in whom he has believed. He loves everybody and desires their good, and loves God supremely. He was first licensed to preach by the Missionary Baptists, April 15th, 1890. In May, 1893, he was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Central Chapel, on the Spring Hill Circuit, Gallatin District; Rev. W. C. Rice, pastor, and Rev. W. A. Hanna, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of Chillicothe in August, 1894, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1894, at Carrollton, Missouri; Rev. S. H. Milam, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald September 5th, 1897, at Albany, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson September 7th, 1902, at Chillicothe, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Green Castle, one year; Braymer, two years; Excello, one year; Memphis Circuit, one year; Atlanta, one year; Downing, two years; Brashear, three years; Queen City, one year; his present work is Clark and Cooper. Between two hundred and fifty and three hundred persons have united with the church under his ministry. Under his pastorates the parsonage at Green Castle was built, and a church enterprise started, and a one-half interest held by the Baptists in a church at Downing, Missouri, was also bought. He received his education in the public schools and at Avalon College. He was married to Miss Isa Dora Gann September 25th, 1888, and their children are, Le Etta Mathews, Paul Mathews, Wesley Mathews, Cramer Mathews, Mae Mathews, Fae Mathews, Madge Mathews, Fern Mathews and Vern Mathews. He says that possibly the most important crisis in his life was when he decided to follow the dictates of the Holy Spirit calling him to the ministry. Some of the books, aside from the Bible, which have helped him most, are Watson's Institutes, "In His Steps," "Kept for the Master's Use," and "Pilgrim's Progress." Brother Mathews says the Christian College sends out better citizens than any other school, and the progress of the nation, as well as the church, depends largely on the wise management of our Christian Colleges.



REV. SAMUEL MARVIN WILLIAMS.

Man's responsiveness to God is the true glory of his being.
—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Rev. Samuel Marvin Williams was born April 27th, 1868, in Pike County, Missouri. He is a son of Jacob Williams and Susan M. Williams, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in November, 1890, and joined the church at New Harmony, Missouri. He was converted under the ministry of Dr. T. E. Sharp, during a revival in which he was assisted by Rev. O. B. Holliday. His conversion took place in his room. Deeply penitent he took up his Bible and opened it at the twenty-seventh Psalm, and while reading this precious Psalm his heart was suddenly filled with gladness and his sorrow turned to joy. His growth in grace has come gradually and his strength has increased with service. He has a deeper love and a stronger determination to do God's will, and His presence is ever precious to him. He was licensed to preach in April, 1903, by the St. Charles District Conference at Troy, Missouri; Rev. M. F. Crowe, pastor, and Rev. Willis Carlisle, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the same District Conference that granted him license to preach; and was received into the Annual Conference in 1903, at Mexico, Missouri; Rev. Willis Carlisle, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Galloway presiding. His first work was the Asbury church in Chariton County during the conference year of 1903-1904. Since that time he has served no charge, but devoted all his time to his studies in school, until this last year he served the Fayette Circuit in connection with his school work. He is now finishing his junior year at Central College, taking the classical course. He was married to Miss Nannie Lewis in 1892. Brother Williams is a reader of the best authors, and he makes good use of his reading. He is studious in his habits, careful in preparation for the pulpit, and pleasing in his delivery of the sermon. Withal he is a student of human nature, and excels in administration.

REV. WILLIAM SHORES.

It is conceded that, of all the springs of conduct, the most Powerful and enduring is Example.—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*

By Mr. James B. Shores.



Rev. William Shores, a pioneer minister of the Gospel, was born in Georgia, June, 1796. When he was six years old, his parents moved to Tennessee, and settled near Nashville. He was left an orphan when only a lad, and was apprenticed to learn a trade. His foster-parents treated him badly, assigning him to tasks, and imposing burdens that were too great for one of his age. These, with many unkindnesses shown him, tended however to bring out and develop those essential qualities so necessary to true moral and physical manhood. In early life he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and soon thereafter was licensed to preach. He was an active minister of the Missouri Annual Conference when it embraced all of Missouri and parts of Iowa, Illinois, and Arkansas. Some of the circuits he traveled covered more territory than many districts do at the present time. Devout, consecrated, and with a burning desire for the salvation of souls and the success of his Master's Kingdom, he climbed mountains, crossed prairies, swam rivers, suffered privations, endured hardships and overcame difficulties that he might be God's servant in leading the people to Christ. While preaching in Arkansas, he swam his horse three times in one day in getting to an appointment, then preached to the people while the water dripped from his clothing, having no change of raiment. Religious services were held in private houses, which were usually built of rough, unhewn logs. These houses were few and far apart. The settlements were often thirty miles apart, and nothing but blazes on the trees to indicate the way, there being no roads. On one occasion, when the day was dark and dreary on account of continuous rain, he lost his way and was compelled to spend the night in the wilderness, while bears growled, wolves howled and panthers screamed around him. Bold, fearless, gifted in prayer and full of faith and the Holy Ghost, no wonder he succeeded. At the Conference held at the Fayette Campground in Howard County, in 1828, he was granted a location at his own request, his means being exhausted and his health beginning to fail. In September, 1829, he was married to Miss Susan R. Johnson. Eight children were the fruit of this union. Rev. J. F. Shores, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this volume, being one of them. Brother Shores settled on a farm near Fayette, and did much good for his Master as a local preacher. He died in his seventy-sixth year, honored, respected and loved by his family and a host of friends, and went home to be with his Lord.

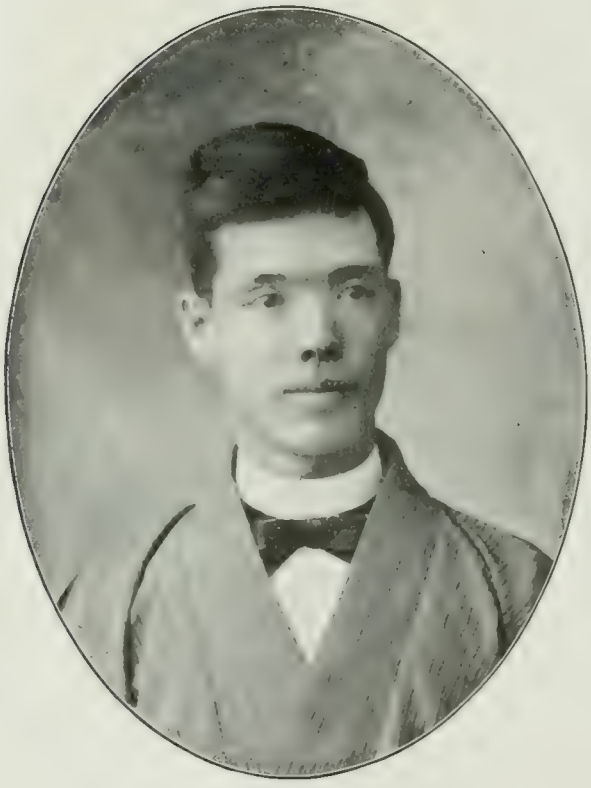
"Servant of God well done,
The battle's fought, the victory won."

REV. JOHN FLETCHER SHORES.

Christian workers shall never quit their thrones; they shall Reign forever and ever.—*Dr. Talmage.*

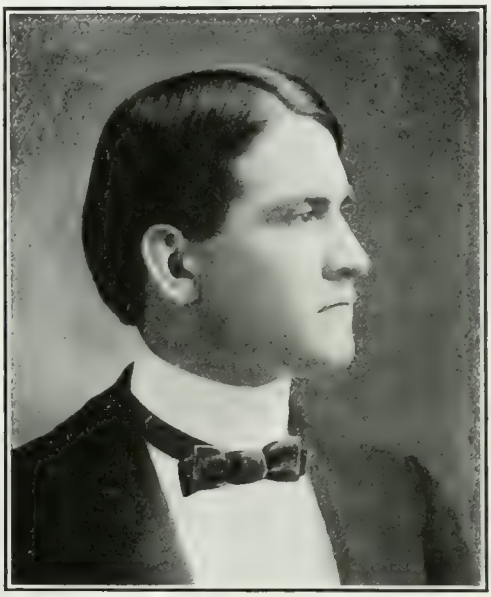


Rev. John Fletcher Shores was born September 4th, 1833, in Howard County, Missouri. He is a son of Rev. William Shores and Susan Rice Shores. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in Howard County, Missouri, at Bethel Camp Ground in 1850, under the ministry of Rev. A. Monroe, and others. He had joined the church a year previous to this time, however, under the ministry of Rev. B. H. Spencer. After having been an earnest seeker for religion for one whole year, his conversion was sudden. The influence of his father, mother and oldest sister was instrumental in his conversion. He had a license to exhort about seven months before he was licensed to preach, but never tried to exhort but twice. He was licensed to preach by the Rocheport Quarterly Conference, Rev. Tyson Dines, Presiding Elder; this same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference, September 2nd, 1858, and he was received into the Annual Conference in 1858; Rev. Tyson Dines, Presiding Elder, and Bishop John Early, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, September 16th, 1860, at St. Charles, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, August 20th, 1865, at Hannibal, Missouri. He served the following appointments: Green Castle Circuit, Memphis Circuit, Junior preacher on Shelbyville Circuit, Albany Circuit, New Franklin Circuit; appointed to Gallatin Circuit, but did not go to it on account of war excitement; Mexico Circuit, Gallatin Circuit, Nebraska City Station, Savannah District, Keytesville Circuit, Norborne Circuit, Brunswick Station, Sturgeon Circuit, Clarksville Circuit, Montgomery City Circuit, Liberty Circuit, Keytesville Circuit, Salisbury Circuit, Ashland Circuit, Prairie Hill Circuit, Chillicothe District. He received about five hundred and twenty-five persons into the church. Under his pastorate eight churches were built, and he assisted in purchasing and paying for several parsonages. He attended Howard High School, the Rev. William T. Luckey and Dr. Carr W. Pritchett being two of his instructors. He was married to Mrs. Alice Larzelere, October 20th, 1868, and they had one child, Frank V. Shores, who died in infancy. Brother Shores entered into rest, February 6th, 1905, and is buried at Brunswick, Missouri.



MR. G. G. SUDZUKI.

Mr. Sudzuki was educated at Central College, Fayette, Missouri, and is one of our brightest graduates.



MR. CLAUD MARION RICHMOND.

Walking in the light, we shall receive increase of illumination; Thankful for the morning dawn, we shall see the noontide splendor.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

Mr. Claud Marion Richmond was born in Moundville, Vernon County, Missouri, August 29th, 1876. At the age of five his parents moved to Western Texas and at the age of nine he entered one of the grammar schools of Abilene, Texas. In June, 1886, in company with his mother and sister, he returned to Moundville, Missouri, where the family remained awhile in town and later moved on a farm for a year near Schell City, Missouri, and then came back to a farm adjoining Moundville. Mr. Richmond in September, 1894, left home for Morrisville College where he spent two years in study. The year '96-'97 he spent on the farm and part time in his father's store. Having decided to go into business, September 29th, 1897, he left to enter Spalding's Commercial College, Kansas City. In August, the following year, he returned home for a short time. In February, 1899, he was called to accept a position as stenographer for a large dry goods wholesale house in St. Joseph, Missouri. He remained here until August, when feeling the call to go into Christian work, he decided to finish his college work at Morrisville, but September, 1900, he decided to enter Central College, where he remained three years, lacking a half year's work finishing the A. B. course. Mr. Richmond was an enthusiastic Aristotelian and Y. M. C. A. man. He made the foot ball team '00, '01 and '02. Won the mile run in '02 and the half-mile run in '01. Mr. Richmond was active in the social and religious life of the college. In December, 1901, he decided, while at the State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association at Columbia, to go into Association work as a life work. October 1st, 1903, he went to Chicago to enter Y. M. C. A. Institute and Training School and finishing his course at the summer term at Lake Geneva in July, 1905, he returned to South McAlester, I. T., where his parents had moved.

September 26th, he received a call to be Social Work Director of the San Francisco Young Men's Christian Association, where he remained until he was called as Assistant Secretary at San Jose. Here the earthquake changed his future and September 15th he was called as the Boys' Work Director of the Pasadena (Cal.) Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Richmond is having great success with the boys of Pasadena but still has a very warm place in his heart for dear old Central, and his classmates who are scattered from gulf to lakes and coast to coast.



FAYETTE DISTRICT PARSONAGE, MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

The Missouri Conference stands eighteenth in the list of membership, and in the number of Presiding Elders, sixteenth in traveling preachers and value of parsonages, fourteenth in parsonages, fifteenth in churches, and eleventh in value, and twelfth in missions. Of the forty-six conferences, the Missouri and South West Missouri are the only large conferences without a district parsonage. Such institutions do not seem to grow in Missouri. The day of blanks in this column in the minutes has passed. Two enterprises are now on the way. The St. Charles District has such an enterprise on the way. In March, 1905, the Fayette District Conference discussed the Presiding Elder's home, and decided to secure one. W. W. Gray undertook the work of securing enough money to make a start. He raised a subscription of $1,200 in Fayette, and the remaining $1,800 was apportioned to the various charges in the district. The property was contracted for in September, 1906, and the deed passed into the hands of the trustees May 9, 1907, when $2,000 was paid on the property. The remaining $1,000 is being collected in and the property will be kept in excellent condition. The location is one block from Centenary Chapel and Central College, and two blocks from Howard-Payne. The building and grounds are large, well arranged, with fruit and outbuildings. It will be a relief to the man appointed to the Fayette District the first of September to know that a home is waiting for him even though he is going to a school town where rent is high and houses, at that season of the year, extremely scarce. It is difficult to understand why the church in Missouri has been totally unconcerned in all the past about homes for the nine men who have traveled her districts. They have labored for the full payment of preachers' salaries and the benevolences, and for parsonages and churches. So many interests have been involved that the Presiding Elders themselves have hesitated to make an appeal for homes for themselves. The present time is so full of possibility that every district should see that a district parsonage is begun.

The first Board of Trustees for the property is composed of the following men: A. F. Davis (since deceased, and succeeded by his son, Murray F. Davis), W. W. Gray G. W. Dimmitt and E. W. Rucker of Fayette and L. S. Harlan of Clifton Hill, John J. Walkup of Armstrong, and J. A. Stewart of Columbia.

The property will be kept in repair by assessing an additional one hundred dollars per annum on the Presiding Elder's salary and collected along with that fund and paid into the bank by him. The entire district will thus be interested directly in the maintenance of the property.

REV. HIRAM D. GROVES.

Rev. Hiram D. Groves was born in Andrew County, Missouri, November 19th, 1845; died in the hospital in Kansas City, Mo., November 16th, 1905. His remains were taken to Fayette, Mo., where he was buried November 19th, his sixtieth birthday. He was converted and called to the ministry in early life. He was a very useful man in the itinerancy; diligent, earnest, painstaking, he was ever successful in his Master's work. Gracious results followed inevitably the efforts of such a man. He entered Central College in April, 1868, in order to prepare himself for his work; here he remained for over three years pursuing the Classical Course. He joined the Missoui Conference in 1871, of which he remained an honored member to the end of his life.

He was married September 10th, 1872, to Miss Anna Bratton, who was a helpmeet indeed, and she joyously shared with him all the burdens and triumphs of his laborious and useful life.

In 1888, Dr. H. K. Hinde, having resigned the presidency of Howard Female College, Brother Groves was chosen by the Board of Curators as his successor.

While devoted to the itinerant work, he consented to assume this new responsibility, and entered with hearty zest into the work, September, 1888. For nearly eighteen years he gave the strength of his manhood to the great work of Christian education, and eternity alone can reveal the impression for good he made upon the character and life of the young women of our land.

During his administration the name of the school was changed to Howard-Payne College, and he was instrumental in enlarging and extensively improving the building. Success crowned his efforts in this work of education, and he was known far and wide for his work's sake.

Central Colelge never had a better friend than in Rev. Hiram D. Groves. His portrait appears on page 114, and a poem concerning his death on page 115.

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PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder.....M. L. Gray	Hardin Circuit.....E. C. Swann
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Richmond Station.....C. B. Duncan	Missouri City Circuit.....W. W. Wilson
Osborn Circuit.....A. Snowden	Excelsior Springs Station..J. H. Hubbard
Kearney and Lathrop.....J. M. Bone	Liberty Station.....R. E. Dickenson
Supernumerary.....J. T. Kimsey	Smithville Circuit.....W. P. Owen
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Millville Circuit.....H. I. Cobb	Cowgill Circuit.....W. N. Giddens

REV. MARCUS LEMON GRAY.

The celestial area around the Throne of the Redeemer, for
Spaces wider than an angel's vision can sweep, will be crowded
With the purchase of His blood.—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Rev. Ward M. Baker.



Rev. Marcus L. Gray, son of Emmanuel Lemon Gray and Martha Ellen (Graham) Gray, was born eight miles west of Shelibyville, Missouri, October 7th, 1857. He was educated in Shelbyville High School, Central College, and Vanderbilt University; he became a student of books, a strong thinker, and continues in the paths of scholarship. The power of a Christian home had helped to direct his life. In the fall of 1874, while on a visit to his uncle, J. R. Graham, of Clinton, Kentucky, he fell under deep conviction of sin, and joined the church; finally while in the line of duty, as Rev. J. M. Flatt was preaching, light from the glory-world came into his spirit. Glory shone round about on that memorable day. Life, and life more abundant expresses his progress. The call to the ministry was unmistakably clear. He received Deacon's orders in 1882, at Plattsburg, Missouri, and Elder's orders in September, 1885, at Columbia, Missouri; both ordinations by Bishop Granbery. His appointments are as follows: St. Charles, Fulton, Aux Vasse, Wellsville, Rocheport, Salisbury, Cameron, Lineville, Gooding Church, St. Joseph, Platte City and Weston, Cowgill, Chillicothe District, and Plattsburg District. Earnest and faithful work has characterized his pastorates. Revivals in each class, missionary zeal, grounded on knowledge, wise and wide visitation, a clear and strong gospel from the pulpit, have been the aims of his ministry. At St. Charles, a $1200.00 parsonage debt was paid; $3300.00 was expended at Fulton remodeling the church; a new parsonage was built at Wellsville, and everywhere improvement and care of the property placed under his pastorate. His admirable system, executive power, patience, courage, untiring energy and zeal have been most clearly shown in the Presiding Eldership. By his initiation, faith and perseverance, various building enterprises have been begun or carried to completion. Notably, Chillicothe, Milan, Holt, Excelsior Springs and Kingston churches. The silver bells ring in the happy anniversary of his marriage to Miss Margaret Henton, of Louisville, Missouri. He is a pure man, a consecrated Christian, a diligent and sympathetic pastor, a thoughtful and earnest preacher, a wise executor, and an untiring worker. May this volume, of which he is the able editor, be his lasting memorial.

REV. CHARLES BERNARD DUNCAN, A. M.

A nobler occupation need no man desire than to be a fellow-Worker with God.—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*



Rev. Charles Bernard Duncan, son of Judge W. H. Duncan and Mary J. Duncan, was born February 16th, 1872, near Shelbyville, Shelby County, Missouri. He was converted at Duncan Chapel, a church named for his grandfather, Mr. Levan Duncan, in Shelby County, Missouri, January 2nd, 1893, under the ministry of Rev. V. J. Millis. He joined the church at the same time and place, and on the following night. He was brought up under the most wholesome influences. His grandfather on his mother's side, Mr. William O. Lowman, was one of the well known Sunday School Superintendents of Shelby County, Missouri. Brother Duncan's conversion grew out of these blessed influences. He has made steady growth in his knowledge of divine things. He was licensed to preach in April, 1896, at Higbee, Missouri, by the Fayette District Conference; Rev. T. E. Sharp, D. D., preacher in charge and Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Tennessee Annual Conference by the Nashville District Conference; was received into the Missouri Annual Conference, at St. Joseph, Missouri, in September, 1901; Rev. C. Grimes, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Warren A. Candler, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Granbery, September 16th, 1900, at Fulton, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 3rd, 1905, at Palmyra, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Liberty Station, 1901-1904. He is serving his third year at Richmond, Missouri. He has received two hundred and seventy-nine persons into the church. He obtained his education in the country schools of Shelby County, Shelbyville Academy, Central College, from which he graduated in June, 1898, with A. B. Degree, and Vanderbilt University, graduating from that institution in June, 1901, with B. D. Degree. He says he considers his conversion and the decision made at that time to enter the ministry the most important crisis of his life. Rev. Charles B. Duncan is pleasant in pulpit address, a consecutive thinker, and felicitous in expression. His auditors follow him with pleasure. He reads the best books and studies them. His line of sermonic thought is of high order, and of the most helpful character. As a pastor he is thoughtful and conscientious. Naturally, he is interested in the great educational work of the church. The church expects much of Rev. Charles Benard Duncan, and in this, she will not be disappointed.

MR. HARRY P. WOODSON.

One of the Credentials of the Christian Religion is that it has a Sane bearing on our human lives and living.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*

By Rev. Chas. B. Duncan, A. M.



Mr. Harry P. Woodson, son of Thomas D. and Sabina L. (Hughes) Woodson, was born at Kingston, Missouri, March 23, 1859. In early childhood his parents removed to Richmond, Missouri, where practically all of his subsequent life has been spent. He was educated in the Richmond Public schools and the Missouri State University. After completing his education he engaged in the mercantile business for a short time in Carrollton, returning to Richmond he formed a partnership with Mr. W. H. Darneal in the same business under the firm name of Woodson & Darneal. In the spring of 1905 he retired from the firm. He is at present connected with the Ray County Savings Bank, but devotes the greater part of his time to the management of the large financial interests under his control. Sound and discriminating in judgment, honest and conscientious in all transactions, active and keenly alert toward every opportunity he has a very successful business career.

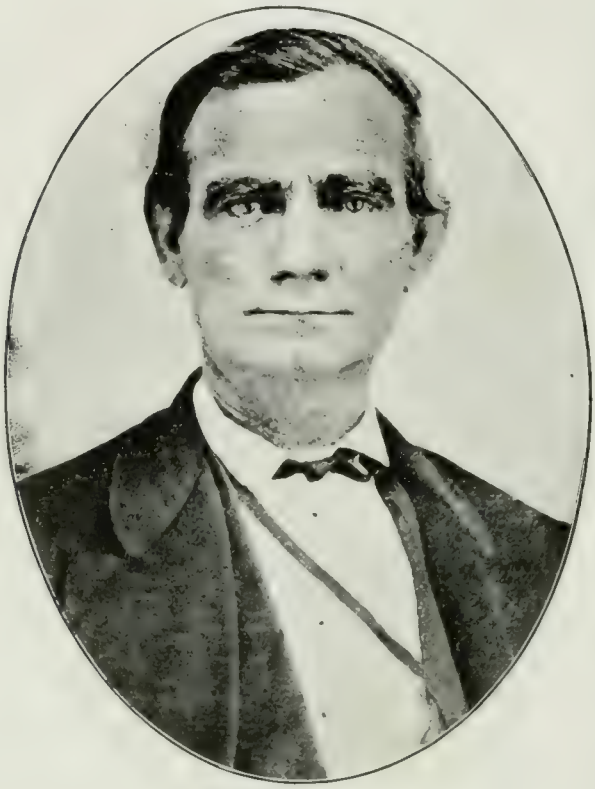
He was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Carrollton in November, 1879. He has rendered efficient service to the church in almost every field open to laymen. For a number of years he has been both steward and trustee of the local church. Eleven years of faithful service have been given to the Sunday School as Superintendent. A number of times he has been a delegate to both District and Annual Conference. His brethren also honored him by electing him delegate to the last General Conference which met at Birmingham, Alabama, in May, 1906. Church Extension and Christian Education, those interests of the church which were so ably fostered by his father, the late T. D. Woodson, have especially appealed to the son. He has for some time been a valued member of the Conference Board of Church Extension, while the success of Woodson Institute has been due in no small measure to his abiding interest and wise counsels. While busily engaged with the present day work of the church he has his face toward the future. He has broad and comprehensive views of the mission and work of the church and is a close student of the great movements that are shaping her destiny.

November 16, 1881, he was married to Miss Stella H. Galtney of Yazoo City, Mississippi, who has contributed her full share to the building of their Christian home. They have four children, Dr. Thomas D. Woodson, James R. Woodson, Clara Galtney Woodson and Harry P. Woodson, Jr. Few parents have had clearer conceptions of the responsibilities growing out of the relation of parent to child and few have more faithfully and conscientiously tried to meet these obligations. As a reward for their work of faith and labor of love they have seen all their children become Christians in childhood.

In his church life in Richmond, he is officially associated with Brothers Geo. A. Hughes, Prof. G. B. Grumbine, J. K. Joiner, J. J. Riley, A. B. Conrow, S. L. Bay, C. W. Dawson, and John E. Hill.

REV. JOSEPH THOMAS DEVLIN.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have Kept the Faith.—*St. Paul.*



Rev. Joseph Thomas Devlin was born in Sussex County, Delaware, in 1811, and died at Lawson, Missouri, October 11th, 1878, and is buried at Richmond, Missouri. His father, Patrick Devlin, was a Catholic, and his mother, Margaret Devlin, an Episcopalian. He was converted when fourteen years of age at Wilmington, Delaware, and joined the church at once. He always connected the recollection of his awakening and conversion with that of the sickness and death of a sister three years younger than himself, and regarded that melancholy occurrence as being used by the Father of all for the accomplishment of his conversion. No thought, so far as man could discover, ever entered his mind, save his duty to his Maker and his fellow-men. We never knew so good a man; never saw one who seemed so burdened with the care of souls as he, and never saw a man whose life was so completely devoted to the cause of his Master. His Christian character will grow brighter and brighter through the cycles of time, and will be perpetuated, elevated and glorified in eternity. He was licensed as a local preacher near Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1837; Rev. William Mack, being the Presiding Elder; he was recommended to the Annual Conference by Rev. Glanville and Rev. Caples, and received into the Annual Conference at Columbia, Missouri, October 7th, 1845. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Soule, at Columbia, Missouri, October 7th, 1845; ordained Elder by Bishop W. Capers, at Glasgow, Missouri, October 3rd, 1847. He served the following appointments: Plattsburg Circuit, 1845-1846; Cravensville Mission, 1847-1848; Richmond Circuit, 1849-1850; Carrollton Circuit, 1851-1852; Platte City Circuit, 1853-1854; Savannah Circuit, 1855-1856; Plattsburg Circuit, 1857-1858; Richmond Circuit, 1859-1860; Millville Circuit, 1861-1862; in 1863 he was supernumerary; Spring Hill Circuit, 1864-1865; Carrollton Circuit, 1866-1868; Platte City Circuit, 1869-1870; Plattsburg Circuit, 1871-1872; Liberty Circuit, 1873-1874; New Market Circuit, 1875-1876; Haynesville, Circuit, 1877-1878. His preaching was not in the words of man's wisdom, but in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Scores, hundreds, and may we not say, thousands, of happy, redeemed souls will appear in Heaven as his witnesses, and will be shining stars in his crown of rejoicing forever. No man can number the souls he brought into the fold, nor estimate the extent of his labors. The following churches were built under his pastorate: Richmond, Carrollton, Todd's Chapel and Plattsburg. He received his education in the public schools and at night school in Wilmington, Delaware. He was married to Miss Sarah Ann Cable, April 3rd, 1834, and the following children were born to them: Mary Devlin, Charles Devlin, Julia Devlin (Mrs. J. W. Shotwell), Lucetta Devlin, Joseph H. Devlin, Fannie Devlin (Mrs. F. W. Joy), Ella Devlin (Mrs. D. F. Bone), Horace G. Devlin and Wakefield Devlin. Only three of these children are now living, to-wit: Mrs. J. W. Shotwell, Horace G. Devlin and Joseph H. Devlin. His wife, Mrs. Sarah A. Devlin, who is now ninety-two years old, is living with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Shotwell, in Richmond, Missouri.

THOMAS D. WOODSON.

But he to Heaven was vowed through his industrious life, and
Christian faith calmed in his soul the fear of change and death.
—*Wordsworth.*

By Rev. Chas. B. Duncan, A. M.



Thomas D. Woodson, son of Robert S. and Hulda Ann (Young) Woodson, was born in Woodsonville, Hart County, Kentucky, March 10th, 1828. He grew to manhood in his native state and received a common school education. He was married to Miss Sabina L. Hughes, a native of Clark County, Kentucky, December 5th, 1854. She departed this life, April 11th, 1871. To them three children were born—Miss Annie Woodson, Harry P. Woodson and Virginia Woodson, wife of Dr. Robert Sevier. He died at Richmond, Missouri, August 28th, 1902. Volunteering in 1847 in the war against Mexico, he served in the Fourth Kentucky Infantry until peace was restored, when he came to Kingston, Missouri, and engaged in the mercantile business. After a trip across the plains to California he moved to Richmond in 1863, where the remainder of his life was spent. In 1868, he assisted in the organization of the Ray County Savings Bank, served as its vice president for a number of years, and was afterwards made president. His industry, frugality, sound judgment, foresight and integrity secured for him the confidence of his associates in business and made him an unusually successful business man. As a citizen he took an active interest in public affairs and could always be relied upon to do his part in any movement which had for its object the social, moral or religious betterment of the community.

He was converted and united with the Church in the year 1866. At that time there was born within him a love for, and interest in his Church and her ministry, which was one of the notable characteristics of his after life. Though an active man with many business interests he was never too busy for the work of his Church. He had been abundantly blessed with this world's goods and as he had freely received, so he freely gave. He served his Church faithfully as steward for a number of years and the interests of the preacher were always safe in his hands. He had an abiding interest in the young life of the Church and for a long time was Superintendent of the Sunday School. He continuously represented his district as delegate to the Annual Conference until age and failing health compelled him to ask to be relieved of that duty. When the Conference Board of Trust was appointed and a suitable man was required to manage the sacred funds of the Conference claimants, Brother Woodson was selected for that important position. He likewise served for a number of years as treasurer of the Conference Board of Church Extension. These funds he administered as a sacred trust and it was his invariable rule to give them preference over his own, many times even at a financial loss to himself.

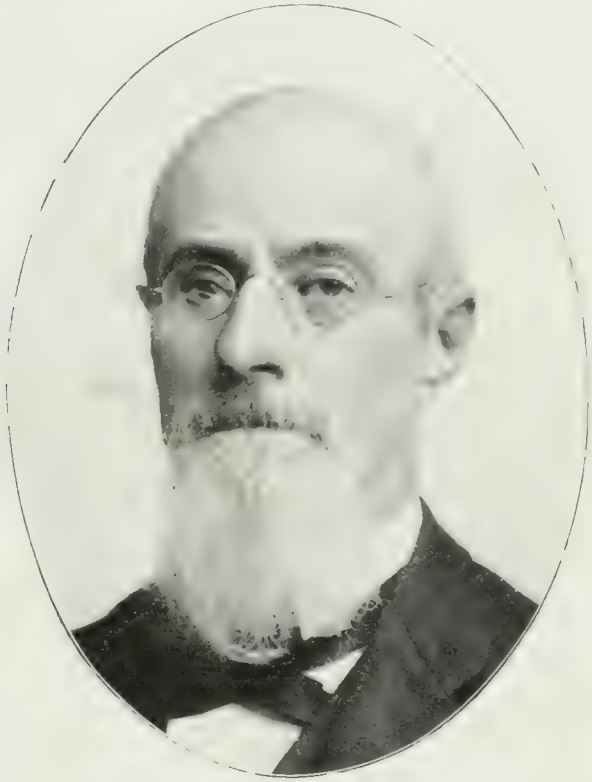
He was very much interested in Christian education. When the Plattsburg District built a secondary school at Richmond he was the most liberal contributor and the school was named Woodson Institute in his honor.

REV. WARD McKIM BAKER, B.D.

The Church still blesses him who for her service cares.—*Goethe.*



Rev. Ward McKim Baker was born in Callaway County, Missouri, May 4th, 1870, on a farm. He is a son of Dr. John Samuel Baker and Adela N. Baker. His father was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his mother is a Methodist. He was converted and joined the Church at Fulton, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. John A. Beagle, in April, 1886. Always knowing and believing in Christ Jesus, he had given no close thought to the matter of personal acceptance of Christ until one Sunday morning Brother Monroe asked him if he did not think he should be saved. The thought found lodgment in his heart and the following Tuesday evening at the sacred altar of the old two-story church he found personal acceptance. Renewed assurance and the witness of the Holy Spirit have come to him, and he has had visions of God along the way. Peace, comfort and strength and more are his to-day. Temptations very strong have beset his way, but he has triumphed thus far. He knows in whom he has believed. He was licensed to preach December 11th, 1888, by the Quarterly Conference of West End Church, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. Walker Lewis, D.D., preacher in charge, and Rev. Robert A. Young, D.D., Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Mexico District, August 7th, 1890, and was received into the Annual Conference that year at Fayette, Missouri; Rev. John A. Mumpower, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Key, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, in 1892, at Montgomery City, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, in 1894, at Carrollton, Missouri. He has served the following charges: Boone County Mission, 1890-1891; Excello Circuit, 1891-1892; Macon Circuit, 1892-1893; Marceline and Bucklin, 1893-1895; La Plata, 1895-1896; Callao, 1896-1898; Milan, 1898-1902; De Witt, 1892-1893; Brunswick, 1893-1895; Edgerton, 1895-1897. He has received about three hundred and fifty persons into the Church. The church at Milan was built under his pastorate. He attended Fulton High School, from which he graduated in 1883; Westminster College, Fulton, graduating from that institution in 1888, with B.S. degree; two years of classical theological course, regular B.D. course, at Vanderbilt University, with highest commendations from Dean Tillett. He was married to Miss Frances Maud Belshe, at La Plata, Missouri, June 3rd, 1896, and two children have blessed their home, Florence Adela Baker and Robert Luther Baker. He says he believes that the visits of pastors to his home in earliest childhood was the strongest influence, outside of home, on his life. He was always blessed with the best of instruction in Sunday School. Under the classical shades of the beautiful Vanderbilt Campus, he had his final struggle for a surrender to God's will to enter the ministry.



JUDGE WILLIAM LAWSON CULVER.

The truest statesmanship is that which seeks to find the plan of God.—*Bishop Candler.*

By Rev. Ward M. Baker.

Judge William L. Culver was born in Kentucky, November 6th, 1835. His parents, R. E. Culver and Mary A. Culver, came to Missouri in pioneer days and settled in Clinton County, Missouri. The mother, now past ninety years of age, lives with her son, and is an ardent Presbyterian. He attended the Masonic College at Lexington, Missouri, and is a man of fine natural ability, well-read and cultured in mind and heart; he has many of the best books in his library, and a meritorious work, especially from a Southern author, he eagerly purchases. He married Miss Virginia McMichael, daughter of the highly respected Thomas McMichael, of Plattsburg, Missouri. They walked in congenial companionship for eighteen years, and had around them a family of children, four of whom are living: Judge R. E. Culver, a prominent attorney of St. Joseph; Thomas M. Culver, a horticulturist of Southwest Missouri; Paul M. Culver, the owner of a fine stock farm, in Clinton County, Missouri, and Mrs. W. A. James, of Lawson, Missouri. Charles M. Culver, third son of Judge Culver, lived to manhood and his family resides in Plattsburg. Twenty-five years ago Judge Culver was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. Bland, his present companion. For about fifty years Brother Culver has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He has amassed a comfortable fortune, and it has been his pleasure to administer in financial things to his Church. He is a man of prayer, and has been steward and Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He has been a member of the Board of Curators of Central College for Women, at Lexington, Missouri, and Woodson Institute, at Richmond, Missouri. A frequent delegate to the District and Annual Conference, he has ever endeavored to attend and be of service. He is devout, earnest, faithful, conscientious and spiritual. He has been active in political life and stands firm for right issues. He has presided over the County Court of Clinton County for two terms of four years each. We delight to honor our laymen who, like our brother, have stood as the mainstays and support of our local churches.



REV. HUGH CORVILLE McPHERSON, A.M.

He was made not only to know, and reason, and feel, but to Achieve.—*Bishop Marvin.*

Joseph S. and Phoebe Ann McPherson, the parents of Hugh C. McPherson, were old-time Methodists, living near Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia, where Hugh was born, October 4th, 1865. While teching school, he was converted near Albany, Missouri, in 1889. That year he entered Central College, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Fayette, in January, 1890. Having decided to enter the ministry, he was licensed to preach by the Fayette Quarterly Conference the same year; Rev. W. F. Packard, D.D., P.C., and Rev. J. H. Ledbetter, P.E. He remained in Central College, graduating in 1894. Soon after graduation the Quarterly Conference at Fayette recommended him to the Missouri Annual Conference for admission. However, he was received into the Southwest Missouri Conference in the fall of 1894; Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding, Rev. W. C. Bewley, P.E., presenting his credentials. He was ordained Deacon at Webb City, September, 1896, by Bishop W. W. Duncan, and ordained Elder by Bishop W. A. Candler at Lexington, Mo., in September, 1898. His appointments have been as follows: Seneca, 1894, 1895, 1896; Mt. Vernon, 1897; Scarritt Collegiate Institute as Professor, 1898; transferred to St. Louis Conference and appointed to Marvin Memorial, 1899. He was married to Miss Annie E. Howard of Hazelhurst, Mississippi, August 23rd, 1899. They have one son, Howard D. In September, 1900, he transferred to the Missouri Conference and was appointed to Louisiana, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903; Troy, 1904, 1905; Plattsburg, 1906.

Thus far he has received over three hundred souls into the fellowship of the Church of Christ. He built a church at Seneca, Missouri, and one at Mt. Vernon, Missouri. He built the parsonage at Louisiana, Missouri, and the one at Troy, Missouri. The parting of the ways came to him when he finally and fully decided to preach the Gospel. Lonely and dissatisfied, he decided to test Jesus and his power to direct his life. He has been a reader of good books, such as Wesley's Sermons, Christus-Auctor, Munsey's Sermons, and many others. He thinks that if the Christian College declines, the Church is destined to weaken. Even the state must have men of hearts as well as heads. The Christian College promises both.

MR. THOMAS McMICHAEL.

It is our wisdom to accept our own existence with gratitude, And to strive after the high ends proposed to us by the Creator.—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Rev. D. R. Shackelford.



I first became acquainted with Thomas McMichael in Plattsburg, Missouri, in the autumn of 1868. I was sent to Plattsburg Circuit in September of that year, and on my arrival there, among the first brethren I met was Thomas McMichael. The four leading men in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Plattsburg at that time, were Nathan Vance, Thomas McMichael, Abraham and George Funkhouser. They were all men of means and strong friends and supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. There were many other faithful men and women in Plattsburg beside the above named. I am entirely uninformed as to the early life of our brother. The very brief data furnished me simply said that Thomas McMichael was born in Xenia, Green County, Ohio, May 22nd, 1810; that he was married to Miss Hannah Morgan of Mt. Jackson, Shenandoah County, Virginia, October 4th, 1836. Thomas McMichael and wife settled in Plattsburg, Clinton County, Missouri, about the year 1840, where they resided the remainder of their lives. Here they reared their family of five sons and two daughters, and here they found sepulture. This latter date brought them face to face with the stern realities of frontier life, and perhaps no man wielded a stronger or happier influence in moulding society for good, and establishing the prosperity of that town and county than did Thomas McMichael and family and those who co-operated with them. He was enterprising in business, and God blessed him with an ample store of this world's goods. He adopted two Scriptural axioms: (1) "To be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," and (2) "To do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God." He reminded me of some of the Old Testament Patriarchs in the generousness and grace of his hospitality. There was in him a cordiality toward his pastors that was very charming. He was one of the most correctly thoughtful laymen I ever had the privilege of knowing. He was a man of great common sense and thought, and had gathered a valuable store of knowledge from reading good books. Thus equipped, he was a valuable help to his pastor and the Church. His piety was of a deep and solid cast and drew its life and inspiration from the word of God and close vital communion with Him. My work carried me away from him in his later years, so that I cannot speak as I would of his ripening for the life that is to come. His home life was to me most charming. He occupied his proper rank in the heart and conduct of his wife and children. His affection for them was of the most beautiful type and theirs alike for him. Late in life the loss of his youngest son, Thomas, Jr., at the age of seven or eight years was much like the loss of Joseph to Jacob, and then the early death of his younger daughter, Josephine, one of the lovliest young ladies I ever knew, was a sore bereavement; so that there was a tinge of sadness in his language and manner afterward. But I feel sure that out of it all the Lord brought him by His grace and kept his life hidden with Him above. He was a man of strong character and of decided convictions and experience as a Christian. He was certainly one of the most consistent and influential Christians I ever knew.



LIBERTY CHURCH.

REV. R. E. DICKENSON, Pastor.

This church was built under the pastorate of Rev. Howard L. Davis. This gives us a good church building at Liberty. The official Board, 1907, is made up as follows: Dr. R. E. Sevier, John Lindau, J. W. Harrison, Dr. F. H. Mathews, Judge L. G. Hopkins, Hon. Martin E. Lawson, W. B. Strong, Rev. H. C. Hankins.

REV. ROBERT EDWARD DICKENSON, A.M., B.D.

What possibilities appear in our natures since we see what Christ made of it.—*Bishop Hendrix.*



Rev. R. E. Dickenson, son of Robert W. and Catharine J. Dickenson, was born at Cross Timbers, Hickory County, Missouri, September 4th, 1875. When nine years of age his mother died, but not without leaving a profound impression upon his young life. Before going away she exacted a promise from him that he would meet her in Heaven. In times of doubt this incident in his early life has served as an anchor.

In a few years his father married Miss Mattie R. Davis, a sister of Rev. L. H. Davis, of the St. Louis Conference, and this good woman has been a genuine mother to him during all these years.

He attended the public schools until seventeen years of age, when he entered Morrisville College. Already a member of the Church, having joined in the summer of 1890 at home during the pastorate of Rev. W. K. White, he found most congenial surroundings at college, and during the first year was licensed to preach. An uncle on the maternal side, Rev. John F. Williams, a useful preacher in the Baptist Church, being a very devout man, no doubt had something to do in helping to mold the young life for a call to the ministry. Spending five years in Morrisville College, he graduated with the degree A.B. in the spring of 1897. In the autumn of the same year, he entered the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, where he spent three consecutive years, graduating with the class of 1900. He now holds the degree of B.D. from Vanderbilt. While a student in the University he joined the Tennessee Conference at Columbia, Tennessee, in October, 1899, and was appointed as pastor of Alex Erwin and Love Chapel. This charge he served one year, and during his pastorate the present brick church building, Alex Erwin, was erected. The previous building had been destroyed by fire. He had served more than a year as pastor of Epworth Mission, a church in the factory district of Nashville, supported by the Epworth Leagues of the city.

September 4th, 1900, he was married to Miss Annie R. Wynne of Nashville, Tennessee. She came from a staunch Cumberland Presbyterian family, and was the daughter of W. G. and Mollie Cassetty Wynne. In October, 1900, he was appointed pastor of Hobson Chapel, a suburban church of Nashville, and was serving his second year when appointed as missionary to Mexico. He was appointed pastor of the American Congregation in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, and continued as pastor from the summer of 1902 to the autumn of 1904. Owing to the ill health of Mrs. Dickenson he was compelled to return to the United States, and coming to his native state, was stationed as pastor of Liberty, where he has served till the present. During the Conference year 1895-6, he served as senior preacher of Humansville Circuit, Rev. G. C. Beery being his assistant. At the commencement of Morrisville College, 1904, his Alma Mater did him the honor to confer upon him the degree of A.M.

REV. MIDDLETON RICHARD JONES.

The river of Christ's love broke out in the Eternity before Creation, runs through the world, and will empty into the Eternity before us.—*Dr. William E. Munsey.*



Rev. Middleton Richard Jones was a native of White County, Tennessee, born December 27th, 1821. Brother Jones came from Tennessee to Illinois in 1842, and settled in Marion County, where he was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the same year. He was licensed to preach in 1849, at Parkville, Missouri, by Rev. William Patton, Presiding Elder. The same year he was received on trial into the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and appointed to the New Market Circuit. He continued to fill important charges as pastor until 1861, when he was made Presiding Elder of the Weston District. In 1863, as were many other good and true men, he was driven into exile. He found a safe refuge in Illinois, where he took an active part in the organization of the Christian Union Church, of which he became a prominent leader. This organization after a few years changed its name to Episcopal Methodist Church and organized the Illinois Conference, and before the General Conference of 1874, the name was again changed to Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Illinois was received into the sisterhood of Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Brother Jones was a fraternal delegate from that Conference to our General Conference in 1870, and a member of the General Conference at Louisville in 1874, as a delegate from the same body. He remained in the Illinois Conference, filling important appointments, mostly in the capacity of Presiding Elder, until 1874, when he returned to his old Conference, the Missouri. From this time he traveled successively the St. Charles, Plattsburg, Macon and St. Joseph Districts. In 1889 he was appointed to Arch Street Church, Hannibal, where he did valuable service for the Church and was greatly beloved by his people. His next appointment was on the Renick Circuit, but his work on this charge was of short duration, but even in this brief time he greatly endeared himself to the people, and his ministry was well received and gave promise of great usefulness to the Church and the cause of Christ. Brother Jones was twice married. First, to Miss Nancy Wilson in Illinois, in 1842. Several children were the fruit of this marriage, three of whom survive; Mrs. Dr. Asbury, of Linneus; Rev. R. P. Jones, of the Missouri Conference, and the younger son, who is a successful merchant at Maysville, Missouri. He was happily married the second time in Illinois in 1886, to Miss Eliza Burpo, daughter of Rev. Thomas Burpo, for many years until his death a member of the Alabama Conference. Brother Jones died at the residence of Thomas Brockman, near Renick, Missouri, November 25th, 1891, after a brief illness of eighteen hours. His last words to his weeping wife, just before he became unconscious, were: "My precious wife, I regret to leave you alone, but (pointing upward) it is all right up there." His work was done. His faithful ministry of over forty-two years was ended. God saw that it was enough and said to him: "Come up higher; enter into the joy of thy Lord."

REV. SAMUEL ALEXANDER.

And with the morn those angel faces smile
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!—*John Henry Newman.*



Rev. Samuel Alexander was born February 16th, 1836, near Elizabethtown, Carter County, Tennessee. He is a son of John Alexander and Delilah Alexander. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1853, at Turkeytown Camp Ground, Tennessee, under the ministry of Rev. Joseph Hasken, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the same time and place. His conversion was bright and clear, and his zeal for souls at once led him into work for Christ. Samuel Alexander was a true and faithful man—one that served God first. As a Christian his piety was thorough and consistent, always possessing a cheerful and happy spirit, but never vain or trifling. The first impression on the minds of strangers when he appeared in public or private was that he aspired to be holy above all else. In the earlier stages of his sickness, he was full of ecstacy when religious exercises were joined in, whether of singing or prayer. It almost seemed that his zeal literally consumed him, and such had been the case from the inceptive steps of his career. He felt as if employed by the Master. The work was great—the time was short—he must hasten out to improve the light as it lasted. He was licensed to preach in 1860, at Bloomington, Missouri; Rev. Walter Toole, Presiding Elder, and Rev. James Penn, preacher in charge. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Bloomington Quarterly Conference in 1860, and was received on trial into the Missouri Conference in 1860; Rev. Walter Toole, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Kavanaugh presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Kavanaugh in 1865, at Hannibal, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Doggett in 1866, at Richmond, Missouri. He served the following charges: Chillicothe Mission in 1860; Bucklin Circuit, 1861-1862; Gallatin Circuit, 1863; Supernumerary on account of health, 1864; Millville Circuit, 1865-1867; Linneus Circuit, 1868; Salisbury Circuit, 1869-1871; transferred to Holston Conference in 1872, and appointed to Saltville Circuit, Virginia. During these years he received into the Church about eight hundred souls. He received his education in the Bloomington High School. He was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle C. Rooker, at Brookfield, Missouri, September 29th, 1863, and the following children were born of this union: Olin Marvin Alexander, Della R. Alexander and Orien Samuel Alexander. Brother Alexander was at times one of the most powerful men in prayer the writer has ever heard. Oh, how his soul went out after God. He died in Marion, Virginia, the home of his parents, February 15th, 1874, aged thirty-eight years. Rev. Mr. Dickey says of his death: "He is gone; the sun went out at noon—not beneath clouds, but amid the blaze of heavenly glory."



HARDIN CHURCH.

REV. E. C. SWANN, Pastor.

Hardin Church is one of the substantial church buildings of Plattsburg District. The congregation is a strong one, and the membership is made up of good people. The following brethren compose the Board of Stewards: E. S. Hunt, E. M. Chase, A. A. Young, E. M. Summers, C. G. Grove, J. W. Linney, J. I. Carter, George L. Alcorn, J. F. Owens.

REV. EDWARD COLFAX SWANN.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my Hope secures.—*John Newton.*

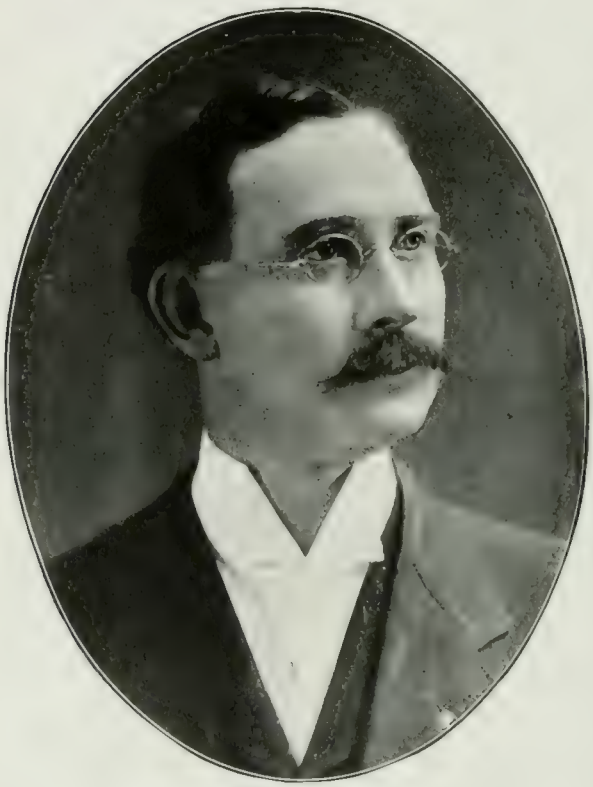


Rev. Edward Colfax Swann was born December 27th, 1865, in Benton County, Indiana. He is a son of Job Swann and America B. Swann. His mother was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and it was through her influence that he became a Christian. He was converted January 3rd, 1888, at Mooresville, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. J. T. McDonald, and united with the Church, May 5th, 1888. He had come home from Ludlow, Missouri, where he had been working on the railroad, just a few days before Christmas. He had grown tired of sin, went to the meeting with his sisters, he went to the altar and was triumphantly saved. He has never doubted his conversion, and there has not been a year since that time that he has not seen his advancement in divine things. He says continually to Him: "Here am I, send me," and to men, "I count not my life dear unto myself that I might win some souls for Christ." He was licensed to preach in August, 1891, by the Quarterly Conference of Breckenridge Circuit, Rev. J. M. Settle, preacher in charge, and Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in 1892, and he was received into the Annual Conference that year, at Montgomery City, Missouri; Bishop Charles B. Galloway, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, in 1894, at Carrollton, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Candler, in August, 1898, at Memphis, Missouri. He has served the following charges: Green Castle Circuit, 1892-1894; Humphreys, 1894-1895; attended school, 1895-1896; Cameron, 1896-1898; Kearney and Holt, 1898-1900; Platte City and Weston, 1900-1902; Edgerton Circuit, 1902-1904. He is now serving his third year at Hardin, Missouri. He has received about five hundred persons into the Church under his ministry. The church at Smithville, Missouri, and the parsonage at Hardin, Missouri, were built under his pastorates. He attended the public schools, Chillicothe Normal, the District High School at Humphreys, Missouri, and Central College, at Fayette, Missouri. He was first married June, 1894, to Miss Leila Comstock, who was at one time the youngest bank president in the United States. She was a noble woman, possessing in an eminent degree those traits of character that make life beautiful and death triumphant. He was married to Miss Susie Edelen, March 24th, 1897, and they have three little girls, Frances A. Swann, Eunice Swann, and Miriam Swann, and one boy, James Edward Swann. Brother Swann strongly endorses the Christian College, and says that without it the highest and best type of manhood cannot be obtained. The Christian College turns out the best product physically, mentally and morally. His greatest ambition, he says, is to have his children educated in a Christian College.

REV. FRANK JOSEPH MAPEL, A.B.

Our humanity has been enlarged, and realized, and glorified,
Since Christ wore it, and has refused ever to lay it aside.
—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev. Chas. B. Duncan, A.M.



Rev. Frank Joseph Mapel was born in the city of St. Louis, April 19th, 1870. He came of Methodist parentage and belongs to the third generation of American born stock. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Marvin Chapel, St. Louis, April 1st, 1888, under the ministry of Rev. W. R. Mays, D.D. For a time his religious experience was not satisfying, but after diligent inquiry and an earnest seeking for a more perfect knowledge of the way, the mists of doubt and uncertainty were dispelled and the clear witness of the Holy Spirit was an unspeakable joy. After entering college he was conscious of the call of God to preach the Gospel. In Marvin Chapel, St. Louis, he received his license to preach, under the pastorate of Rev. Josephus Stephan, Rev. W. R. Mays, D.D., Presiding Elder. He was recommended for admission on trial by the Nashville District Conference, held at West End Church, Nashville, Tennessee, May, 1899, and was received on trial into the Missouri Conference in September, 1899, at Fayette, Bishop Granbery presiding. He was ordained local Deacon by Bishop Galloway at Hannibal, Missouri. In September, 1896, and local Elder by Bishop Granbery, at Fulton, Missouri, in September, 1900. Since entering the Conference his appointments in order of time have been as follows: Rockport Circuit, one year; Osborn Circuit, two years; Platte City and Weston, three years; Platte City and Parkville, one year. He is now serving his first year at Lawson Station. During the fourth year of his pastorate at Platte City he projected, built and paid for the parsonage at that place. During his ministry he has received into the Church one hundred and seventy-four members, one hundred and twenty of them on profession of faith.

His primary education was obtained in the public schools of St. Louis. Later he attended public night school for several very helpful sessions. Being convinced of the need of the most thorough training possible for the work of life, in September, 1891, he entered Central Academy at Fayette, Mo., with the determination to secure a finished education at any cost. After six years of study he was graduated from Central College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then spent two years studying Theology in the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University, completing the Junior, Middle and a part of the Senior course.

September 6th, 1900, he was married to Miss Ada Louise Latta of Nashville, Tennessee. She is a cultured Christian woman and has contributed much to his success in the ministry. They have two sons, William Latta Mapel and Frank Baldwin Mapel.

Brother Mapel is a faithful and conscientious pastor, a hard student and a lover of good books. He is a strong preacher. His sermons show careful preparation and bear the imprint of a trained and original mind.

WILLIAM CLINTON JAMES, M.D.

The faith that trusts and feasts is fulfilled in the faith that Obeys and achieves.—*Dr. O. E. Brown.*



Dr. William Clinton James was born October 7th, 1841, in Union County, Illinois. He is a son of William James and Temperance Abernathy James, both of whom were members of the Baptist Church. Dr. James is one of seven children, one only surviving besides himself, Dr. James H. James, of Elmira, a practicing physician. Dr. Geo. James, deceased, was also a practicing physician at Lawson, Missouri. Dr. William C. James was converted at Jefferson School House, Ray County, Missouri, in the fall of 1865, under the ministry of Revs. Geo. Huffaker and P. Wilson and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the same time. He was converted in a revival meeting of great power, covering six weeks, at which there were more than eighty professions. This was the genesis of what afterward became the Lawson Class, of which he has been a member for the longest time of any now on its rolls. Dr. James' conversion was of the sort one would look for in the case of a quiet, undemonstrative nature. He has remained steadfast. The light has grown brighter and the fellowship sweeter through the years, especially in the last twelve months has the presence of the Holy Spirit been a growing and deepening blessing. He attended first the public schools of Union County, Illinois, then Jonesboro Academy, Illinois, the Medical School, University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and graduated with the M.D. degree from the Keokuk, Iowa, Medical College, in 1864. He entered the practice of medicine in the Lawson neighborhood, continuing there until now, over forty-two years. Dr. James has been twice married, first to Miss Alice Estill, May 28th, 1874, who lived only a few months after their marriage, and then he married Miss Fannie Tillery, November 30th, 1881. She died February 26th, 1902. He has two sons, William Tillery James and Donovan Erskine James. Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress and the published sermons of Rev. Sam P. Jones are two of the books which have been most helpful to him. Dr. James is a man of influence in his community, always found on the right side of moral issues, and squaring his own life with the square of virtue. An official member of the Church, to his pastors a brother and friend. A Master Mason of long standing, a physician of prominence, loved by all. Like the heroine of Owen Meredith's poem—

"Born to nurse,
And to soothe and to solace,
To help and to heal
The sick world. * * *

In the evening of life he calmly waits the summons of the Master, looking forward with joy to the great family reunion in the Father's house, whither most of those held dear have already gone.

PROFESSOR GRANT B. GRUMBINE, B. S., M.S.

The Church, in short, is God's University, and it lies in her Foundation as a school of Spiritual Life, to energize all capacity, And make her sons a talented and powerful race.—*Bishop Atkins.*



Grant Bartholomew Grumbine was born in Hastings, Nebraska, Sunday, August 24th, 1879. His ancestors were Germans and of the earliest settlers of Pennsylvania. Members of the family are prominent in the local and state affairs of Pennsylvania.

In 1894 he graduated from the Carter Harrison School of Chicago, Illinois. In January, 1896, he came with his parents to Breckenridge, Missouri, and filled his niche as "the man with the hoe," like an American to the manner born. In April, 1900, he graduated from Breckenridge High School, having completed a three years' course in two years.

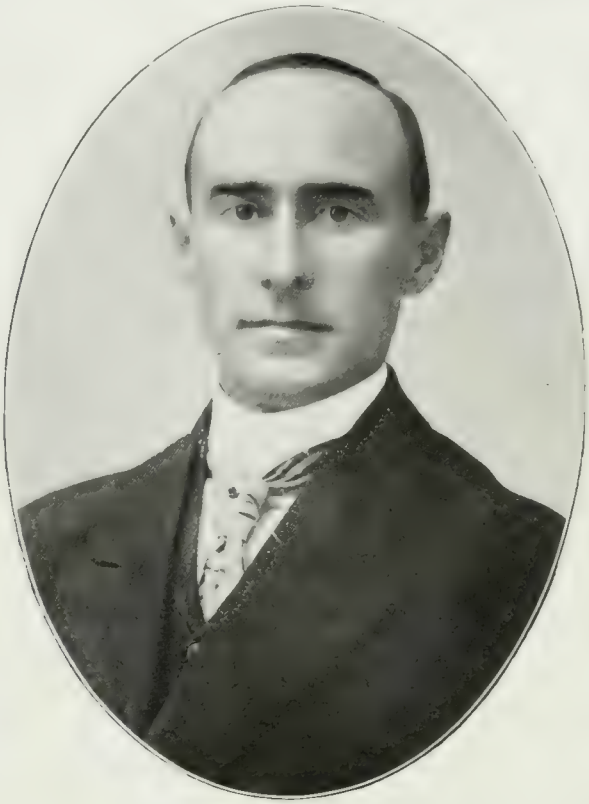
He entered Central College in the fall of 1900, where he served as assistant librarian during the session of 1900 and 1901, and assistant instructor of Mathematics in Central Academy during the session 1901 and 1902. He is a member of the Aristotelian Literary Society of Central College, was captain of the football team of 1902 and 1903, director of the gymnasium, member of the Athletic committee, and President of the Athletic Association during the session of 1902 and 1903.

In June, 1903, he received the degree of Bachelor of Science. During the session of 1903 and 1904 he was instructor of Mathematics in Woodson Institute, Richmond, Missouri, at the same time pursuing post-graduate work under the direction of the Central College Faculty. For this work he received the degree of Master of Science. The thesis prepared was a critique of 15,000 words on Hamilton's "Moral Law."

December 23, 1903, he was married to Miss Mary E. Cox of Breckenridge, Missouri. She is a descendant of one of the earliest Virginia families and is a member of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Grant B. Grumbine was elected principal of Woodson Institute in August, 1904, which position he held until June, 1907, then leaving to pursue advanced study.

"Grumbine is a man among men—he is strong in mind and body—he is a straight from the shoulder Christian—not a poser; he is loved most by those who have best chance to know him." The loyalty of his pupils shows a strength of character that is indicative of much personal magnetism." He is a member of the Knights Templar and of the Sons of the American Revolution."



REV. WALTER W. WILSON.

Men were created with the power to do wonderful works in
The sphere of their activity.—*Bishop Haygood.*

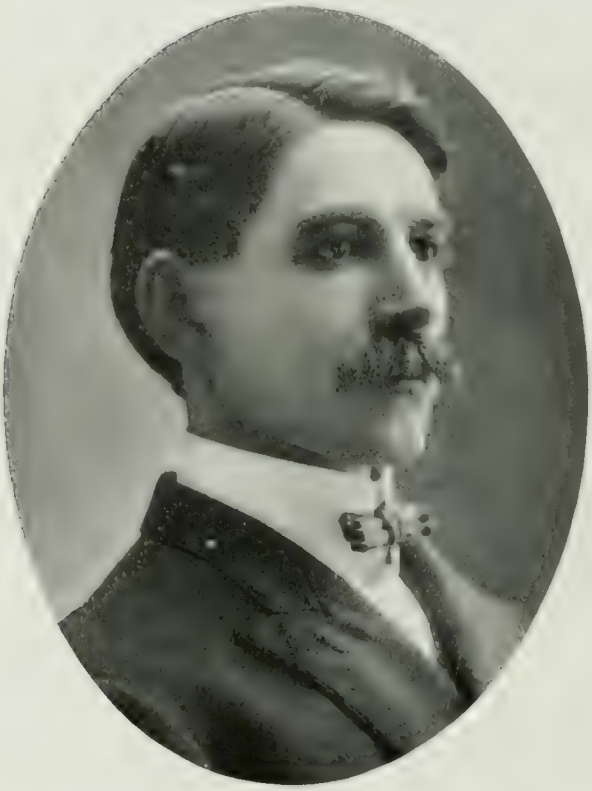
By Rev. Ward M. Baker.

The power with which God's spirit follows a man in the inner call to the ministry is fully illustrated in the life of Walter W. Wilson. From early boyhood he felt called to preach, and at the age of eighteen he was soundly converted and joined Hickory Grove Church, in Henry County, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. G. L. Taylor. Having been reared in the faith, and with a strong sense of responsibility to God, the call came before conversion. The sense of uneasiness and condemnation followed the assurance of acceptance with God. A completer consecration, the real joy of obedience and service came, when, after nearly sixteen years of struggle, our brother took up the work to which God had called him. He was licensed to preach by the Clinton District Conference, South West Missouri Conference, upon the recommendation of the Windsor Quarterly Conference, September 14th, 1905; Rev. S. J. Brown, preacher in charge, and Rev. W. M. Rader, Presiding Elder. He was recommended by the Plattsburg District Conference, Missouri Conference, which convened in Weston, Missouri, April 10th, 1906; Rev. M. L. Gray, Presiding Elder, and upon this recommendation, and after due examination, was received into the Missouri Annual Conference held at Carrollton, Missouri, August, 1906; Bishop Joseph S. Key, presiding. He was born of Methodist parentage, John W. Wilson and Nannie A. Wilson, in Henry County, Missouri, December 4th, 1871, and being nurtured and strengthened in the Lord, he was taught how to make all life honorable and successful. He had therefore a successful business career to surrender for his larger field of usefulness. He was trained in the district schools, Clinton High School, and the Missouri University. He married Miss Mary E. Miller, February 28th, 1900. John Miller Wilson is their only child. He supplied Missouri City Circuit the year of 1905-1906, receiving thirty-one members, organizing an Epworth League, strengthening and enlarging the Sunday School, securing all the conference collections and was returned for the second year at the desire of his membership. Common-sense, energy, and devotion, are his most prominent characteristics.

REV. GEORGE MILES GIBSON, A. M.

God for His own sake; Goodness because it is good; truth
Because it is lovely.—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*

By Rev. Charles M. Bishop, D. D.



The Rev. George M. Gibson was born at Pocahontas, Tazewell County, Virginia, December 7th, 1860. He was the son of Wesley and Rebecca J. Gibson, who were well-known in Tazewell and Russell counties as ardent Methodists and most respectable and useful people. His father was an exhorter in the Church for many years in the days when that official had a large influence and did a most important work.

He was converted, February 1st, 1876, at Sulphur Springs, Russell County, Virginia, under the ministry of the Rev. H. W. Bays of the Holston (now of the South Carolina) Conference. Writing of his conversion he says: "Sudden as the lightning-flash was the vital change; the purpose and desire were from infancy." He was licensed to preach on August 18th, 1883, by the Quarterly Conference of Dickensonville Circuit, Abingdon District, Holston Conference. He attended school at Abingdon District High School and Hamilton Institute in Virginia, where he was prepared for admission to the Sophomore class at Emory and Henry College, Emory, Virginia, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of B. A. in 1887. After his graduation he was elected a professor in St. Charles College, Missouri, where he taught one year. He joined the Missouri Conference on trial in the fall of 1888 and was ordained a local Deacon at this Conference. Later in due process of time he was received into full connection and ordained Elder. His first charge was Troy and Wentzville which he served two years. Later he served the following charges in the Missouri Conference in the order given: Albany, Hundley Church, St. Joseph, Glasgow, Macon, Fayette, Richmond. In the fall of 1904 he was transferred by Bishop E. E. Hoss, his old College teacher and friend, to the New Mexico Conference, and stationed at El Paso, Texas. Mr. Gibson was married to Miss Florence Allen at Troy, Missouri, October 14th, 1891, the Rev. C. M. Bishop performing the ceremony. To them have been born three children—Kate, Maude and George. They are a most happy family, each of them in love with all the others; and one would travel far before he would find a home where there is more of good cheer and hopefulness and Christian joy than in the Gibson home.

Brother Gibson came early to rank among the foremost men of his Conference. In him are combined in a very remarkable way the qualities of the successful pastor. He is a studious, thoughtful, cultured man; a delightful speaker, with a clear, strong, sub-tenor voice; a devout Christian with a happy experience; an orthodox but progressive thinker, well red in modern Biblical and theological literature. He is a man of the people, sociable, sympathetic; a good conversationalist, a safe adviser, courageous and skillful in dealing with souls. He knows how to bring things to pass. He builds up his Church both in its spiritual life and in its material equipment.

REV. CALVIN PLOMER CURRY.

The highest culture and capacity are still found in the Christian Ranks, when the early education of such minds has been Favorable to Christianity.—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*

By A Friend.



Calvin Plomer Curry was born in Gray Court, South Carolina, August, 1869; he was a son of Ivory and Eliza Curry, Methodists; was brought up in the Church; at the age of ten in a young man's prayer-meeting held in his native town, he united with the Methodist Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. J. C. Counts. He was graduated from the High School at Gray Court. As a youth he took an active part in Sunday School and Church work, but the Master had greater work for him, and a few years later he enlisted in Evangelistic work. From that time his has been a life of service; in his unassuming, modest way he has ceaselessly toiled in his Master's Vineyard, and not in vain has been his labor. He was licensed to preach April, 1905, at St. Joseph District Conference; Rev. R. C. Taylor, preacher in charge, Rev. J. A. Mumpower, Presidihg Elder. May 19th, 1897, he was married to Miss Helen Pope Payne; to this union has been borne one child, Graham Payne Curry, an intelligent, interesting boy, unusually talented along musical lines. Possibly the crisis in the life of this man was his bright conversion in early life, but of scarcely less importance was his marriage to a devout Christian woman of noble character whose inner life is singularly pure and beautiful; a fit helpmate to a consecrated husband; one ever-ready to guide and aid struggling humanity toward a higher, better life. Of the many books which have helped him, perhaps "The Crises of the Christ" and "In His Steps" have been of the greatest assistance; for years he has been known and designated as the singing evangelist; his songs are from the heart; sweet, pleading, soul-stirring. And "It is not art, but heart which wins the wide-world over." His power in song lies in his humility and consecration. Many times and oft has he made the statement that his constant prayer is to keep self in the background, to keep humble and lowly in this his life work. As a leader of Church choirs he has few superiors; he takes the crudest, rawest material, and by his enthusiasm, gentleness, power to direct and control, can, in a short time, develop a harmonious, well rounded chorus, delightful to hear. God grant that he may long live to uplift and ennoble through the potent power of song.



THE METHODIST CHURCH IN EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MISSOURI.

By Rev. J. H. Hubbard.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized in Excelsior Springs in the summer of 1883, under the ministry of Rev. Willis E. Dockery, so long of the Missouri Conference. The charter members of the church were John McGlothlin, Irene McGlothlin, Ransom Critchfield and wife, Bettie (daughter of Rev. D. Penny), Philip G. Holt, Elizabeth Egleston, L. J. Goff and Katherine Goff. Brother John McGlothlin is the only one of the number now living. He is President of the Board of Stewards, and also of the Board of Trustees of the Church. He has served the Church faithfully for about fifty years, most all of this time in the Plattsburg District. The following named pastors have served this church: Rev. S. S. Hardin, Rev. L. B. Madison, Rev. J. S. Smith, Rev. R. W. Howerton, Rev. L. N. Wagner, Rev. E. L. Kendrick, Rev. H. L. Davis, Rev. Guy A. Jamison, Rev. E. S. Bottsford, Rev. J. P. Ball, Rev. E. J. Spencer, Rev. C. F. Wimberly and Rev. John H. Hubbard. The first church building was begun under the ministry of Rev. S. S. Hardin and completed under Rev. L. B. Madison in 1888, situated at the corner of the Concourse and Kansas City Avenue. The second building was begun during the pastorate of Rev. E. J. Spencer and completed under the ministry of Rev. C. F. Wimberly in January, 1904, at a cost of $6,500. During the third year's ministry of Rev. John H. Hubbard he completed paying the church debt of $3,100.00, including interest and street paving. This work has been weighing heavily on the hearts of the pastors and Presiding Elder, Rev. C. Grimes, Rev. M. L. Gray, Rev. C. F. Wimberly and Rev. John H. Hubbard, for five years. On the first Sunday in October, 1906, Bishop Hendrix was at Excelsior Springs and the last of the money was provided for and the church dedicated. Those who know the situation there can most appreciate the fact that the enterprise is complete, and that the church now is in a far better condition to do good service than it has ever been in the past. The history of this church is a varied one, being in a health resort, where there is so much going and coming. In its beginning it had a struggle for existence, as there were but few people who remained the year round. But as the waters cured so many people that were thought to be hopeless cases, the town began to take on a more permanent growth, and with it the church grew, so that the church with the town has about doubled in every way during the past five years. It is not now so hard to maintain the church life as formerly. While a great many people are converted and brought into the church that live here permanently many others are converted and come into the church and go elsewhere to serve God. One of the difficulties in such a place is that many persons who come think they will not stay long and leave their church membership at home, which is a hazardous way to do. It has proven the ruin spiritually of many, many souls. The two greatest revivals in the history of the church were conducted by Rev. J. A. Snarr, and the one conducted by Rev. Lincoln McConnell in January, 1907, during the pastorate of Rev. John H. Hubbard. There were three hundred professions during the latter meeting.

REV. JOHN HENRY HUBBARD.

No man has come to true greatness who has not felt, in some Degree, that his life belongs to his race, and that what God Gives him is given for mankind.—*Phillips Brooks.*

By Rev. Ward M. Baker.



On March 8th, 1863, our subject was born to Rev. James Hubbard, a local preacher, and Margaret Sears Hubbard. His parents and his paternal ancestors were Methodists. This farmer boy, taught to pray and influenced for Christ, by father, mother, and the best of stepmothers, fell into neglect. In the new-turned furrow, March 18th, 1878, he pledged his life to God and renewed daily prayer. In August, 1878, at Center School House, with Rev. Walter Toole, pastor, he united with the church. Two summers later, while seeking perfect love at a camp-meeting in Laplata, Missouri, he received a marvelous blessing; this may have been his conversion, he says. He has gone on doing the will of God more perfectly and seeking the power to win souls. He was licensed to preach in 1882; was received on trial at Plattsburg, Missouri, the same year; was ordained Deacon, 1884, by Bishop Parker, at Shelbina; ordained Elder in 1886, by Bishop McTyeire, at St. Joseph, Missouri. His appointments have been: Hamburg, Oxford, Browning Circuits, each one year; Black Oak, two years; Renick, two years, and Cedar City, two years; his health having failed, he superannuated in 1891; 1892, Milan; two years at Bogard; Chillicothe Circuit, three years; Norborne, two years; Linneus, three years; Fairfax, one year; he is now in his third year of a successful pastorate at Excelsior Springs. With the basis of a common school education he has been a student of men and books. The books of greatest influence he names are: Ralston's "Elements of Divinity," Watson's "Institutes," Wesley's "Sermons," Broadus' "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," and Munsey's "Sermons." He is an interesting, engaging and earnestly spiritual preacher; a soul winner, a faithful pastor, a wise and diligent executive. Nine hundred souls are the fruit of his ministry. The churches of Freeland and Mount Moriah on the Denver Circuit, Mount Pleasant on Cedar City, and the parsonages at Renick, Cedar City and Chillicothe are the result of his labors. He completed the church at Renick begun under pastorate of Rev. W. A. Davis, and the one at Higbee begun under Rev. W. S. Rooker. Brother Hubbard married Miss Laura Alice McPherson, in Gentry County, Missouri, September 1st, 1885. They have two interesting daughters, Ruth Hubbard and Iva Alice Hubbard. The call to the ministry came clear and distinct, while a David-like youth shepherding his father's sheep. From that day he has known no other work. The record of twenty-five years is sketched. May another quarter of a century be his for service.



POLO CHURCH.

By Rev. Powell M. Cain.

During the pastorate of Rev. J. N. Boyd at Polo, Missouri, agitation was begun, sentiment formed, and the building begun for a new church. During the latter part of his pastorate the larger part of the money was subscribed and the succeeding pastor found the foundation laid and the plans so well formed, and a building committee so capable and business-like, that he was very kindly relieved of the greater part of the responsibility in the building. The committee consisted of J. W. Houston, Chairman; J. G. Withers, Secretary; C. H. Smart, Treasurer; John E. Linville, W. C. Stone, W. M. Estes, J. T. Hunter, J. B. Bathgate and Rev. J. N. Boyd, who was secretary until his place was filled by Brother Withers. The ground was broken for the foundation on the 2d day of June, 1903, and the cornerstone was laid the following October, and the building was dedicated, October 2d, 1904. Bishop Hendrix dedicated the church free from debt and more. When he finished the collection there was enough to pay for walks. The cost of the building, walks and everything, was a little more than Seventy-One Hundred Dollars. The Woman's Home Mission Society furnished the money for the furnishing of the church, and their taste added to the beauty of the beautiful church. It is a beautiful church with auditorium, Sunday School room, ladies' parlor, two hot air furnaces, and an up-to-date gasoline lighting plant. It is a credit to everyone who contributed to its success in any way. The Presiding Elder, Rev. Marcus L. Gray, and the pastor, Rev. Powell M. Cain, shared in the rejoicing of the building committee, church and community, the day Bishop Hendrix preached the masterful dedicatory sermon before the assembled preachers and congregations of the city. Mention should be made of the fact that Brother Charles H. Smart of the building committee had charge of the work of the building, and he gave his personal attention to the work and the church was fortunate in having a builder who took personal interest in the work. It was a grand enterprise, and the building of such a church means much to our cause in Polo and much to the community. May many souls be born into the Kingdom within its walls and may all who enter there be built up in spiritual things is the prayer of the writer, who anxiously watched the work and saw it come to a successful completion.



REV. JOHN WILLIAMS BUDD, A. B.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is best seen in the ministry of Holy men whom he hath created anew in Christ Jesus unto Good works.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev. Ward M. Baker.

Rev. John Williams Budd was born in Sumter County, South Carolina, October 25th, 1875. In the autumn of 1888 he joined the Sheldon Chapel, Spring Hill Circuit, in Telfair County, Georgia, under the ministry of Rev. C. C. Hines. His father, Rev. James W. Budd, was a Freewill Baptist minister, but he and his wife, Mrs. A. A. Budd, followed their son into the Methodist Church, and the father became a Methodist local preacher. As to our brother's conversion, we would note that it was one Sabbath evening at sunset that he retired to an obscure corner of his father's large garden and, crying in rebellion against God for taking his brother, he was convicted of his own unprepared condition, and with a very heavy heart he fell on his face and agonized in prayer. In a few minutes God's peace flooded his soul. For fifteen years, in earnestness, steadfastness and faith, he has grown in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. His father was an extensive turpentine operator and was ambitious for his children to receive the largest advantages within their environment. This son spent three and a half years in South Georgia College, a preparatory school, and then completed the full four years' course at Emory College, Oxford, Georgia, with the A. B. degree in 1901. November 30th, 1901, he was married to Miss Susie Clark. They have one daughter and two sons, Lillian Budd, John W. Budd, Jr., and William Pritchett Budd. The crisis of this life was in the yielding to the call to the ministry. And in the fervor and zeal of his ministry is manifest the force of the firm answer he gave to that call. His license was granted by the Quarterly Conference, Brewton Circuit, South Georgia Conference, Rev. M. Walker, pastor, and Rev. M. A. Morgan, acting as chairman for the absent Presiding Elder, Rev. George C. Thompson, November, 1893. The McRae District Conference, July, 1901, recommended him to the South Georgia Conference, which convened at Mulberry Street Church, December, 1901, Rev. M. A. Morgan, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Charles B. Galloway, presiding. He was received on trial by the above body, and at the instance of Bishop Candler immediately transferred to the Missouri Conference and was stationed at Millville. He remained the pastoral limit on that circuit. He was ordained Deacon at Chillicothe, Missouri, by Bishop A. W. Wilson in September, 1902. He is now in his second year as pastor at Polo, Missouri. The sixty persons received into the church by him are only a part of the fruit-bearing for the Master. Aflame with the love of God and missionary zeal, our brother has created a missionary conscience and secured often far more than the assessment from his charge. Living in the faith, knowing Jesus Christ crucified, he declares the mystery of the Gospel in demonstration of the spirit and of power.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KINGSTON, MISSOURI.

By Rev. C. K. Shilling.

This church is one of the modern miracles. When I went to Kingston in September, 1902, it soon became evident to me that under the existing conditions of our church we could not hope to make progress. The three country churches of the charge were put in jeopardy by our failure at Kingston. These churches were well located, but greatly discouraged. We owned one-third interest in a union church in Kingston, a dilapidated parsonage with three lots facing the court house. It was evident that if we held the country churches, something must be done at Kingston. We must have a church of our own. We had only thirty members at Kingston, and these were discouraged and with very little means. The most we could expect from any member was one hundred dollars. The pastor's wife called the few women together and organized an Aid Society. They asked her what they were going to do, and she replied, "build a church, if it is only large enough for the preacher; the rest of us can stand outside." Like Sarah of old, they laughed. This Aid Society finally raised about six hundred dollars for the new church. About this time Rev. M. L. Gray came on the Plattsburg District. He grasped the situation at once and entered into the enterprise and stuck to the work to the last. The enterprise would have failed without his help. At the next Conference Bishop Hendrix became interested in the new church and helped greatly by his influence. By help from every source that we could command, help including both Boards of Church Extension, we came to dedication August 12th, 1906. After an excellent sermon by Bishop Hendrix, the balance of the money due was raised and the house was dedicated free of debt. This is a modern house having an auditorium, Sunday School room, ladies' parlor so arranged that it can be used for class room or library, a pastor's study and three vestibules, choir alcove, basement with furnace which heats the entire house. The building and grounds are worth about $4,000.00 or more. Among those who did valiant service in this great work may be mentioned Brothers B. F. Brown, William Butts, E. F. Palmer, S. B. Cline, Henry Brewer, John Harpold, J. R. Paxton, J. P. Meister, Rev. William Deweese, and many others.



REV. C. K. SHILLING.

A man's living, working faith in God is measured by his Faith In a God who has incarnated himself in good men.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Rev. C. K. Shilling was born October 24th, 1859, at Felton, Delaware. He is a son of John Shilling and Maggie Shilling, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was converted in 1874, under the ministry of Rev. Charles Simmons and joined the church at the same time and place. He enjoyed a sound conversion, one that has lasted all his life. Brother Shilling has lived a remarkably unselfish life. His consecration to duty is known of all men, and he will not be without his reward. After his conversion he taught in the Sunday School, led prayer meeting and class meeting and did anything that was laid upon him. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Walnut Street Church, Kansas City, Missouri, September 15th, 1885; Dr. C. C. Woods, Presiding Elder; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial September 9th, 1885, but he went to school two years and was recommended the second time by the Quarterly Conference of Russellville, September 28th, 1888. He was received into the Annual Conference in 1885, Dr. C. C. Woods, Presiding Elder, and Bishop J. C. Granbery presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Granbery, October 6th, 1889; ordained Elder by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, September 11th, 1892. He has served the following charges: Cambridge, Lowry City, Lebanon, Missouri Conference, Hunnewell, Rocheport, Keytesville, Browning, Jamesport, Spring Hill, Kingston, Platte City and Parkville. He attended Black Swamp School in Delaware. He was married to Miss Sarah Mitchell December 25th, 1889, a woman of refinement, faith and fidelity. Three children have been born to them—Charles Watson Shilling, Mattie Ruth Shilling and Mabel Shilling. The most intense strain upon every faculty of his being came when he built our new church at Kingston, Caldwell County, Missouri. The climax came with tears and rejoicing.

CENTENNIAL CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

1. Who are admitted on trial? Harry Walter Brewer, Walter Woodfolk Wilson, Lee Rice Sparks, Thurston Blaine Price, Joseph Lindsey Haw, Jr.

2. Who remain on trial? W. B. Rigg, John A. Hughes, William Rutherford, Louis Miller Brumitt, Ortie C. Carden, Thomas Fletcher Rucker, Wilson Noblitt Giddens.

3. Who are discontinued? George W. Trotter.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Charles Jacob Chappell, Edward James Speer, George Thomas Ralston.

5. Who are re-admitted? None.

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? W. T. Merrill, Southwest Missouri Conference; J. R. Abernathy, Southwest Missouri Conference; R. O. Triplett, East Columbia Conference; T. F. Rucker, Texas Conference; J. W. Ham, St. Louis Conference; S. H. Babcock, White River Conference.

7. Who are the Deacons of one year? Benjamin Franklin Leake, Orville Blackburn, Norman Francis Johnson, James Warham Slade, Samuel D. Gose.

8. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons? None.

Note: The members of this class were ordained as local preachers.

9. What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons? None.

10. What local preachers are elected Deacons? None.

11. What local preachers are ordained Deacons? None.

12. What traveling preachers are elected Elders? Henry Neighbors, Britton P. Taylor, P. M. Cain, L. W. Gunby, S. E. Hoover, J. W. Ham.

13. What traveling preachers are ordained Elders? Henry Neighbors, P. M. Cain, L. W. Gunby, S. E. Hoover, John Wilburn Ham.

14. What local preachers are elected Elders? None.

15. What local preachers are ordained Elders? None.

16. Who are located this year? A. B. Book.

17. Who are supernumerary? J. O. Edmonston, J. T. Kimsey, J. R. Kincaid, W. T. Merrill, L. F. Parker, C. A. Shearman, W. M. Wainwright, J. H. Pritchett, J. L. Taylor, T. H. Swearingen, H. P. Bond, R. W. Howerton, R. M. Dameron.

18 Who are superannuated? S. W. Atterberry, C. Babcock, W. F. Bell, E. Carlyle, C. W. Collett, J. S. Frazier, J. P. Godbey, A. S. Bowles, J. D. Houston, C. W. Herley, T. R. Kendall, W. H. Lewis, H. T. Leeper, H. M. Myers, W. C. Maggart, D. Penny, T. G. Petree, L. P. Siceloff, D. R. Shackelford, W. G. Shackelford, C. I. VanDeventer, J. L. Weatherford, A. V. Bayley.

19 What preachers have died during the past year? W. E. Dockery, H. D. Groves, F. P. Drace, L. B. Madison.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 112; members, 47,004.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 250.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2,043.

24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 184.

25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 6,061.

26. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 389¼.

27. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 3,403.

28. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 28,476.



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WESTON PARSONAGE.

This Parsonage has recently been bought by our Weston Congregation. It is a valuable brick house and located near the Church. It will make a good house for the Methodist preacher and his family. All the brethren give credit for the purchase and improvement of this property to Mr. August Schneider.

29. What was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? $5,921.61.

30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? $7,163.65.

31. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, $12,688.04; Domestic, $7,243.51.

32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? $3,950.26.

33. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? $501.24.

34. What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Presiding Elders, $12,578.23; Preachers in charge, $104,396.43.

35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? $1,840.86.

36. What is the number of societies and houses of worship owned by them? Number of socities, 488; number of houses of worship, 464¼.

37. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, $1,291,860; indebtedness, $30,946.60.

38. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 170; number of parsonages, 142.

39. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, $205,285.00; indebtedness, $11,507.00.

40. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 9; number of district parsonages, ——.

41. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, $———; indebtedness, $———.

42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 3; amount of damage, $319.50.

43. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, $582,106.65; losses sustained, $———; premiums paid, $2,821.61; collections on losses, $319.50.

44. What are the educational statistics? Central College, value of property, $205,000; endowment, $180,000; professors, 12; pupils, 164. Central Female College, value of property, $125,000; endowment, $30,000; professors, 18; pupils, 158; Howard-Payne College, value of property, $65,000; endowment, $12,000; professors, 14; pupils, 161. Centenary Academy, value of property, $20,000; professors, 6; pupils, 125; Woodson Institute, value of property, $50,000; professors, 10; pupils, 165; Northwest Missouri College, value of property, $50,000; professors, 8; pupils, 151. St. Charles Military College, value of property, $52,000; endowment, $18,000; professors, 5; pupils, 73. Total institutions, 7; value of property, $567,000; endowment, $240,000; professors, 73; pupils, 997.

45. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Moberly.

46. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See the appointments.

REV. DANIEL PENNY.

He lives wisely who lives in Eternity; our citizenship is in Heaven.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. Daniel Penny was born December 21st, 1811, in the City of Salisbury, Wiltshire England. He is the son of James Penny and Marrigin Penny, who were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He was converted when seventeen years old at Salisbury, England, through the pious example of his parents, and joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church at the same time and place. From early childhood he had received good impressions, and his conversion was the result of early training by a Christian father and mother and their Godly life and influence in the home. After his conversion he felt an earnest desire for the salvation of souls and began to exhort at prayer meetings, in his father's house, and in the suburbs of the city. He was a teacher in the Sunday School and assisted at prayer meetings before he was licensed to preach. He was licensed to preach by Rev. James Akerman, superintendent of the Salisbury Circuit, and his license was recognized by the Quarterly Conference of St. Charles Circuit, St. Charles, Mo., in 1840; Rev. Silas Comfort being the preacher in charge and Rev. William Patton, Presiding Elder. The Quarterly Conference at Richmond, Missouri, recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in 1843, and he was received into the Annual Conference the same year; Rev. W. W. Redman, Presiding Elder, and Bishop James O. Andrew presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrew in 1843; ordained Elder by Bishop Joshua Soule in 1845. Brother Penny has filled the following appointments: Richmond, Missouri, Carrollton, Keytesville, Richmond, Chillicothe, Warrenton, Danville, New London, Danville, Mexico, Carrollton, Bedford, Millville, Miles Point, Kingston, Rushville, New Market, Plattsburg, Kingston, Spring Hill, Knoxville, Millville. The parsonage at Danville Missouri, was built under his pastorate. He was married to Miss Jane Macey, October 7th, 1833, and their children are James H. Penny, Elizabeth N. Critchfield and Jane Penny. Five of their children died in infancy. He says the only important crisis in his life was five years after his marriage when they left England and lived for nearly two years in St. Charles, Missouri. They had many trials during that time, but in the darkest days of affliction the Lord sustained them and they found all His promises verified in their experience. Some of the books which have greatly helped him, aside from the Bible, are Wesley's "Sermons," Clarke's "Commentary," and McKnight on "The Epistles."

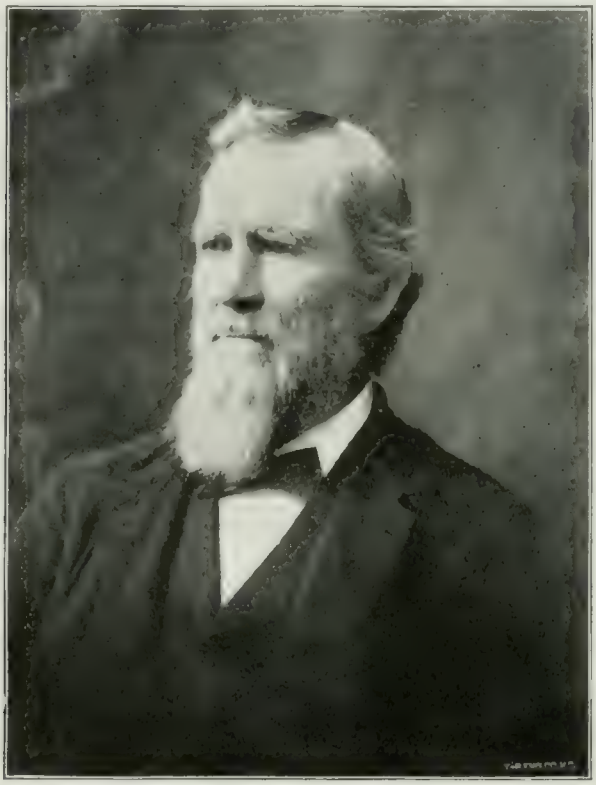
Brother Penny died June 28th, 1907, and he sleeps in the beautiful New Hope cemetery, Ray County, Missouri.



REV. JAMES B. POTTER AND WIFE.

He held high converse of the mysteries of Providence and Grace.—*Bishop Marvin.*

Rev. James B. Potter was born August 12th, 1825, and died May 25th, 1904. Brother Potter first saw the light of day more than three-quarters of a century ago on the site where Liberty, in Clay County, Missouri, is now located. He moved with his parents to a tract of land about half a mile east of Turney, Missouri, in 1837. Here he grew to manhood and assisted his parents in building for themselves a home. At the age of twenty he was married to Miss Temperance Matthew, with whom he lived about eight years until she died. Of this union four children were born, all of whom are dead. Brother Potter's second marriage was to Miss Margaret Ann Doak of Sullivan County, Missouri, in September, 1855, with whom he lived to the day of his death. Of this union eleven children were born, ten of the children are now living, and one is dead. Brother Potter encountered all the hardshihps of the pioneer's life. In 1837 there were but few settlers in Clinton County; therefore he lived to see the country redeemed from the virgin soil to a high state of cultivation. He witnessed the progress of Missouri until she ranks fifth place in the union. The limit of Brother Potter's religious career was about sixty-four years. He was converted and united with the Methodist Church in 1840. He was licensed to preach in early life; his life of devotion and labor was in the interest of humanity and the glory of his Saviour. He traveled and preached the gospel ten years and during his stay on earth he witnessed hundreds, if not thousands, of conversions. He no doubt enjoys the company of many who went before him to the glory land. One church at Turney, his home church, is a monument of his labor and devotion. He was the pastor's friend, his home the preacher's home, and his presence the preacher's inspiration. Brother Potter was respected by all and he left behind him a holy influence that will never die. Sister Potter, his wife, abides to this day, May 15th, 1907, and is active in the work of her church at Turney and in many good causes. One of her daughters is the wife of Rev. C. B. Campbell, and all of their children are doing well. God bless the memory of Brother Potter, and may His blessing be with the widow.



MR. PEYTON T. SMITH.

Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy.—*Jesus.*

Mr. Peyton T. Smith, son of James W. Smith and Lucy H. Smith, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born in St. Charles County, Missouri, May 3d, 1820. He was converted at Timber Ridge Camp Ground, six miles northeast of Richmond, Missouri, in the fall of 1843, under the ministry of Rev. George W. Love. He was a penitent for a few days and when he went forward the third time he was converted in an instant and arose laughing the praises of God. After conversion thus commenced his religious warfare for over sixty-three years. In all these years divine grace has sustained him, and he is not tired of the service of God. He attended country schools about three or six months in the year, and thus he gained practical knowledge. He was married to Miss Lucy H. Bates January 19th, 1843, and their children are Cleopatra Burns, one infant son died in 1847, Dr. James W. Smith, Mary S. Smith and Nancy Frances Smith; five children, one having died in infancy. Brother Smith has been an influence in Ray County Methodism for more than half a century, and he has been closely identified with the development of Methodism in Plattsburg District. Doddridge's "Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul," and Baxter's "Saints' Everlasting Rest," have been books, aside from the Bible, that have helped him most. He was appointed steward in 1849, and served for fifty-four years in that relation. He led a class as a class-leader, beginning as early as 1851. He has a record of the pastors who have served Richmond charge since 1825.



REV. HENRY IRVING COBB.

He is a prince disguised, whose principality is broader than the Limits of the world.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*

By Rev. Ward M. Baker.

Rev. Henry Irving Cobb was born in Alarnance County, North Carolina, on Christmas Day, 1859. His parents, Dr. Gaston D. Cobb and Catherine E. Cobb, were Methodists. Kneeling at the altar he was soundly converted under the ministry of Rev. G. W. Mitchell, a noted Christian Union minister, in November, 1883, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Holt, Clay County, Missouri, March, 1884, being received by Rev. John T. Winstead, preacher in charge. "Pilgrim's Progress" had been an inspiration of earlier years and "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life" helped him to his consecration to God. The Bible has long been the companion of his daily devotion and has been as sunshine, moisture, and air to his growth in grace, ever revealing Christ. He was licensed to preach April 1, 1893, by the Quarterly Conference of the Cameron and Lathrop charge, Plattsburg District; Rev. Rice H. Cooper, Presiding Elder, and Rev. M. L. Gray, preacher in charge. This Conference was held at Holt and at the same time he was recommended to the Missouri Annual Conference. That Conference received him on trial at its session in Monroe City, Missouri, September 13th, 1893, Bishop A. G. Haygood presiding. Bishop W. W. Duncan ordained him Deacon in Macon, Missouri, September 15th, 1895, and the ordination to the Eldership came three years later at the hands of Bishop Warren A. Candler, in Memphis, Missouri, September 4th, 1898. He has served Westville, Florida, Center, Winfield, Clarksville, Elsberry, Edgerton, Osborn and Millville. Three hundred and fifty-six persons have been received by him into the church. This is the result of his work on his own charges, not counting his aid in other charges; an average of twenty-seven for each ministerial year. In our well-garnered fields and with safe and sane methods of evangelism this is a key to earnest, faithful and successful work. Brother Cobb has indeed been a follower of Christ, doing good daily. He was educated in the common schools and Gibsonville Academy, Gibsonville, North Carolina. He was married June 21st, 1891, to Miss Mary B. Fitch. They have an interesting family—Annie Lee Cobb, Lucille Cobb, and De Roy J. Cobb. Wallace Irving Cobb is with the Heavenly Father. To rear his family for God, to shepherd the flock of the Lord committed to his care, to finish his course with joy, and to accomplish the ministry which he has received of the Lord Jesus, and to testify of the abundant grace of God, is the ambition of this faithful minister.





COWGILL CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

REV. W. N. GIDDENS, PASTOR.

Cowgill Church has been a success from its inception. The Parsonage makes a pleasant preacher's home. Both properties command the respect of the community. The following brethren are on the official Board: O. W. Coffman, John B. Rogers, James A. Linville, C. L. V. Cogman, C. O. Petty, B. F. Kincaid, Olin O. Walters and Charles L. Wells.



REV. WILSON N. GIDDENS, A. M.

Where on the sand Thy step appears Thy Crown in sight is Hung.—*Keble.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A. M.

Rev. Wilson N. Giddens was born of Methodist parents, James and Mary Giddens, in Cedar County, Missouri, May 11th, 1869. In July, 1889, he joined the Methodist Church at old Mount Moriah in the Plattsburg District. Four years after this he was brought under powerful conviction for sin by the preaching of Rev. T. H. Swearingen, and while struggling with this conviction, on a mowing machine out in the meadow, God graciously converted his soul. Even after this, for two years, doubts at times harassed him, but by prayer and faith he gained the victory over these. His faith is now strong, his experience bright, and his desire to do the work to which God has called him is increasing from day to day.

He received his license to preach from the Plattsburg District Conference in March, 1896; Rev. R. H. Cooper, Presiding Elder. His recommendation for admission on trial in the Missouri Annual Conference was given by the St. Joseph District Conference in 1904 and in 1905, when the Conference met at Columbia, Missouri, he was admitted and Bishop Hendrix ordained him Deacon.

His first charge was the Marceline Circuit, 1904-1905, then appointed to the Fayette Circuit. He is now at Cowgill, 1907. He has received as many as one hundred members into the Church.

He is a graduate of Central College and received his A. M. degree from that Institution in June, 1906. He married Miss Gussie Leah Larkin, June 15th, 1904. He looks upon his conversion and decision to enter the ministry as important crises in his life. The "Pilgrim's Progress" and "Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," have impressed him deeply.

He thinks the Christian College the place for boys and girls to go to school, and that the imperative duty of Christians is to sufficiently endow these Christian colleges so that they can compete with state institutions.

With his clear conversion, thorough consecration, and broad foundation laid in school work, his life promises to be one of great usefulness.



KEARNEY PARSONAGE.

Rev. J. M. Bone deserves great credit for the improvement of our parsonage property at Kearney, Missouri. Through his efforts we have a good two-story house, nicely finished and ample rooms upstairs and down. Our Kearney congregation wants the best and succeeds.

REV. JOSEPH MARVIN BONE.

So glorious let Thy pastors shine
That by their speaking lives the world may learn,
First, filial duty, then divine;
That sons to parents, all to Thee may turn.—*Keble.*

By Rev. Ward M. Baker.



Rev. Joseph Marvin Bone was born September 19th, 1870, and at the age of twelve, deep conviction of sin fell on the boy's heart as the father preached the gospel in Hundley Chapel, St. Jospeh, Missouri; the mother led her child to the altar, and there at the mercy seat he gave his heart to God. An early call to the ministry of righteousness came clear and strong to this youth. And with a desire to be certain of his call, and with the inducements of a promising business career before him, he endeavored to meet the demands of God's Spirit in the active work of our church at Carrollton. Finally in the year 1896, a real crisis came to his life when he consented to go and preach the Gospel in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Carrollton Quarterly Conference recommending, the Chillicothe District Conferenme in session at Triplett, Missouri, April 15th, 1897, licensed him to preach and recommended him to the Missouri Annual Conference. The latter body at its session in Albany, Missouri, September, 1897, received him on trial. Brother Bone's first appointment was Braymer Circuit, where he built a parsonage at Stet, Missouri, and a new house of worship called Wesley Chapel. He traveled DeWitt Circuit, three years, and was active in League Work, being also League Chairman of Chillicothe District; he remodeled the parsonage, increased largely the contributions to benevolences and received a large number into the church. He spent one year at Milan, strengthening the charge in every way and helping to clear the new church of debt. He is now completing his fourth year at Kearney, Lathrop and Holt, where his activity in all good works has been very marked. A handsome new brick church has been built at Holt and a new parsonage at Kearney. Over three hundred persons have been received into the church by his labors on his appointments. He is frequently called to other charges for revival work. He is a painstaking and thoughtful pastor, a studious preacher. He finished his conference course regularly, being ordained Deacon at Fayette, Missouri, in 1899, by Bishop Granbery, and Elder at St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1901, by Bishop Candler. He has had the benefit of some of our best primary and High Schools and three years at Central College. Along with an evident increase of intellectual discipline and strength, has been a growth in grace in a deeper understanding of spiritual things, a consecration to God's will, and a perfecting love for God and man. He was married to Miss Ida May Darcy, September 12th, 1894, in Carrollton, Missouri. His sons are, Francis Darcy Bone and Joseph Marvin Bone, Jr., two very promising boys. May the mantle of prophetic office fall on one or both of them.



REV. GRAFTON EVERETT TANQUARY.

When life is done, and climbed its rugged steeps,
All hot suns set;
When in vast joy that neither sighs nor weeps
We then are met.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*

By Rev. Chaney Grimes.

Rev. Grafton Everett Tanquary was the youngest son of the late Rev. Grafton Tanquary of this Conference, and was born in Clark County, Missouri, July, 1859. While in health he was always bouyant, hopeful, and full of enthusiasm. He spoke with becoming modesty of his conversion, and subsequent religious life; his soul was in sympathy with the highest and best in the Kingdom of Grace. He knew God; and with all the strength of his nature he believed in God's word. His faith was clear, strong, constant, and without the slightest taint of scepticism. He loved his Church as he loved his own life, and was never happier than when trying to promote her interests.

He graduated from Central College in 1886, and the following year he was received on trial in the Missouri Annual Conference. In the matter of order and dates his ministry was very much like that of his brethren; but he, nevertheless, was possessed of a somewhat striking individuality. He sought to lay the truth on the heart and conscience in such a way as to move to immediate action; and he was in no small degree successful. Through his brief ministry hundreds were converted and added to the Church. He served acceptably, and in some instances with marked success, the following charges, viz: Parkville, Marceline, Memphis, Shelbina Circuit, Jameson, Arch Street Hannibal, Canton and Plattsburg. His last appointment was to Lawson Station in the Plattsburg District. For six months his health had been failing, but it was hoped that his removal to a lighter work would enable him to regain his health, and prolong his ministry. He entered upon his last work with something of his old-time enthusiasm. He planned and assisted in one of the best meetings of his entire ministry. Nearly one hundred souls were converted. At its close, and about his last official act, he had the great joy of receiving about sixty-five souls into the Church. In this meeting he became so joyous and hopeful that his friends thought him well on the way to complete recovery. But this hope was doomed to disappointment. The reaction came and he grew rapidly worse. Deep and dark were the shadows through which he was called to pass, and through which his friends, in agony of suspense, followed him. But no sunset clouds can destroy the beauty of such a life, or rob us of our hope in his death. He died in St. Joseph, Missouri, May 21, 1902, and his body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Kahoka. The bereaved wife, Mrs. Sue McMurry Tanquary, and the two children, Grafton Pettus Tanquary and Frances Tanquary, now reside in Kahoka, Missouri.

REV. EDWIN JAMES STANLEY.

It is these sublime tasks to which he subjects our faith and Obedience here to fit us to be rulers over many cities there.
—Bishop Hendrix.



REV. E. J. STANLEY.

Rev. Edwin James Stanley was born February 19th, 1848, at Buffalo, Missouri. His father was Henry Stanley, and mother, Sally Ann Stanley. He was converted in 1859, at a camp-meeting near Circleville, Kansas, and he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church under the ministry of Rev. Wm. Knipe. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, about 1861, under the ministry of Rev. H. H. Hedgepeth at Circle ville, Kansas. After he had made a profession of faith, he was troubled some with doubts, but persevered in secret prayer, until one night, in a little grove near his home, while pleading with God, his Saviour stood before him. He had a very clear evidence of his acceptance, and his heart was strangely warmed. Ever since then he has been gaining a deeper insight into the things of God. Forgetting the things that are behind, he is pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. He was licensed to preach in September, 1867; by the Quarterly Conference of Leavenworth Circuit, Savannah District; Rev. J. O. Foresman, preacher in charge, and Rev. H. H. Hedgepeth, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Holton Circuit, in 1869, and was received into the Annual Conference that year at Chillicothe, Missouri, Rev. D. C. O'Howell, Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. M. Marvin in September, 1871, at Council Grove, Kansas; ordained Elder by Bishop George F. Pierce, in 1874, at Denver, Colorado. He has served the following appointments: Irving Mission, as supply, Holton Circuit, Irving Mission, Troy Circuit, Radersburg Circuit; Montana, Hamilton Circuit; Diamond City Circuit; Virginia City District and Station, since which time he has served as Presiding Elder and preacher in charge of various charges throughout the Conference. Rev. Dr. David Morton gives Brother Stanley the credit, in one of the Annual Reports, of starting the movement that resulted in the organization of the Church Extension Board. He was married to Miss Lulu Lee Brooke, December 23rd, 1886, and their children are as follows: Rachel Stanley, Marvin Stateler Stanley, Edwin James Stanley, Ernest Brooke Stanley, Mary Edith Stanley and William Stanley.



THE PLATTE CITY PARSONAGE.

By Rev. Frank J. Mapel.

Platte City had had for many years a parsonage—and for many years Methodist preachers had occupied it. There was a common feeling among the people as to what ought to be done; the ways and means did not seem so clear. The first consideration was an eligible building site. The active women of the church, working together under the name of the "Parsonage Aid Society," made possible the acquisition of the same. And in less than eleven months they raised, by various ways, the sum of four hundred and eighty-six dollars. In August, 1905, a fine piece of ground, (191 by nearly 400 feet), occupying a commanding situation on a fine residence street, was purchased for five hundred dollars—a monument to the genius and consecration of a small company of Methodist women. The Building Committee was composed as follows: Hon. Norton B. Anderson, Chairman; Calvin Ham, Treasurer; T. B. Flannery, and Rev. Frank J. Mapel. The plans and specifications were a gift of that godly layman, C. W. Broadhurst, of Parkville, Missouri, since gone to his reward, after whose elegant residence the parsonage was modeled. Ground was broken in October, 1905. In March following the structure was finished, and occupied soon after. The money was raised as follows: The Parsonage Aid Society earned $500.00 for the purchase of the lot, plus about $50.00 for screening windows, doors, etc. The old property sold for $650.00. The remainder, about $1100.00 was raised by the pastor, Rev. Frank J. Mapel, in amounts ranging from $100.00 to fifty cents. The subscriptions of Mr. W. S. Wells of $100.00, Hons. E. H. Norton and R. P. C. Wilson, $50.00 each, Hon. N. B. Anderson, $60.00, and Mrs. M. P. Collins, $50.00, and others, were tokens of liberality. For a year the pastor went about "loaded" with a subscription list, photographs, and facts and figures. The house presents a sightly appearance, is modern in plan and conveniently arranged. The materials are first-class throughout, and the workmanship faultless. It contains eight rooms, besides butler's pantry and a number of closets, and the stair case is solid oak. The structure was built and paid for in one year, and well insured against fire. No man is so well qualified to free a building of debt as the one who enterprised it. But left encumbered, the successor is likely to have a half-done cake to warm over, always an unsatisfactory dish, and often an unpalatable mouthful to have to swallow. To the women of the church belongs the credit of the initiative; it was through the co-operation of the membership, and the kindly and timely assistance of a sympathetic community, that the project was brought to a consumation, free of all debt.

MR. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BOYDSTON.

We shall do well to consider what is God's plan in our times,
And fulfill our part of it with all fortitude and fidelity.
—*Bishop Candler.*

By Rev. Ward M. Baker.



Henry and Mary Boydston came from East Tennessee and entered land in Platte County, Missouri, in 1836. They were strong and sturdy pioneers and devout Methodists. The subject of this sketch was their fifth child. James N. Boydston, the oldest brother, was long a pillar of the Edgerton Church; Thomas S. Boydston was, until only a few years ago, one of the leaders at Davis Chapel; he has now moved to Oklahoma. Every one who knows the Boydston family will testify to the strong faith and unceasing zeal of "Uncle Tom." In prosperity and adversity, he has ever been faithful to God. Mrs. Elizabeth Holland, a sister, abides with her daughter near Davis Chapel, and is a lover of Zion. Two sisters, Catherine Louisa, and Mary J., were successively the wives of Mr. R. T. Davis of St. Joseph, Missouri. Rachel Crow, another sister, the wife of Mr. W. H. Smith, went home to God in March, 1907. Missouri, the youngest sister, is the wife of Mr. Geo. Arnold of Dearborn. All this family were at one time connected with Davis Chapel Church, and all remained faithful to the Methodist Church. Since this family has occupied so large a place in the history of our Church, it seems befitting to include them in this sketch. Brother Benjamin F. Boydston was converted at the Slash Valley School House in 1859, under the ministry of Rev. Thomas Hurst. He, his parents, two sisters, Elizabeth and Mary J., R. T. Davis and wife, Thomas Butts, and I. Davis and wife, nine in all, were organized into a class at that time and they were the beginning of Davis Chapel Church. He was married in Independence, Missouri, by Rev. M. M. Pugh, July 31st, 1867, to Miss Martha Ann Borden, and they have had a family of twelve children, ten of whom are living. Rev. Martin Caples Boydston, M. D., a local preacher, a physician, graduate of Louisville and post graduate of Bellvue, New York; Wightman McTyeire Boydston, a Ph. B. graduate of Central College; Vincil Vandeventer Boydston; Cora Ella Boydston, now the wife of Mr. T. J. Means, of Dearborn; Rev. James Edward Boydston, a local preacher; Martha Edna Boydston, wife of Mr. McTyeire Harris, of Dearborn; Benjamin F. Boydston, Jr.; Henry Pierce Boydston; Norton Payne Boydston, and Garland Galloway Boydston. All are members of the Methodist Church, and all but two members of the old home church. Brother Boydston has always been a leader in the church. He has been steward, trustee and was Sunday School Superintendent for twenty years. He has educated his children, giving nearly all of them several years at Central College. He believes in Christian education. He has been a successful man in business and has accumulated a good competency. He has long been a ready and strong helper in all that pertains to the Church. He holds an honored place among his friends and in his own household..



REV. W. S. CALDWELL.

Ages and generations to come will be yet more productive in Spiritual husbandry.—*Bishop Marvin.*

Rev. W. S. Caldwell was born on a farm near Hickman's Mill, Jackson County, Missouri, August 26th, 1866. His father died when he was only six weeks old. He received his education in the public schools and under private teachers until 1885, when with his widowed mother he removed to Stanley, Johnson County, Kansas. There he engaged in farming and stock raising until 1889, when the death of his Christian mother made a deep impression upon him, and created a desire for a nobler life. He had been a member of the Christian church at Hickman's Mill, since he was seventeen years old, but knew nothing of experimental religion until August, 1889, at the age of twenty-three, when the Lord opened his eyes to see His saving grace and pardoning love. He became an active worker in the Methodist Protestant denomination at Stanley, Kansas. He attended the Annual Conference as a delegate from the local congregation and in the interest of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. He felt the call to the ministry and entered Central College, Fayette, Missouri, in 1893, uniting at that time with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He remained in Central College almost continuously until graduation in 1901. He traveled abroad, returning in the fall of the same year, and entered the Theological department of Boston University where, at the close of the first year, his health became so impaired as to wholly disqualify him for the responsibilities of his chosen work.

He was married April 20th, 1904, to Miss Katherine Maxwell, of Martin City, Missouri. Mrs. Caldwell has been a loyal Methodist, an active worker in the Church, and a consecrated Christian since girlhood. Two sons, James Marvin Caldwell and Herbert Stanford Caldwell, have been born to this family.



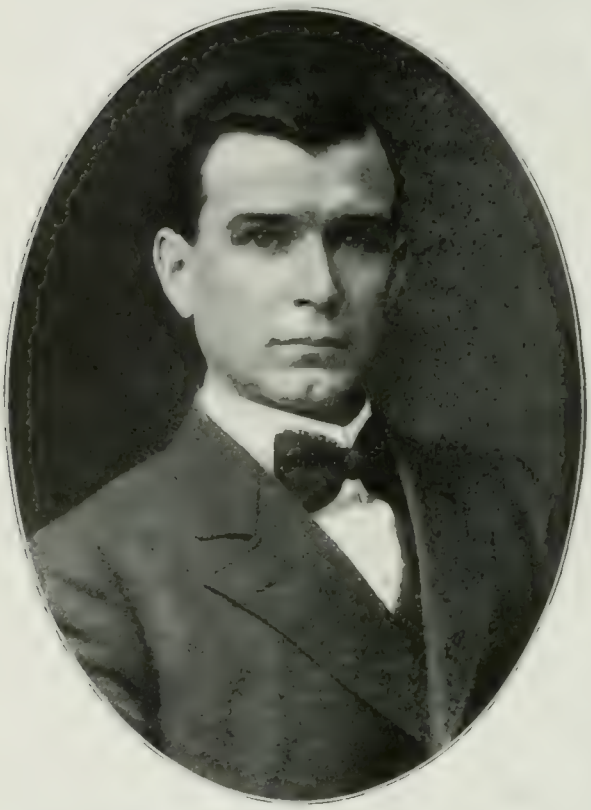
MR. ROBERT JAMES CLARK.

How far the influence of manliness and dignity extends!—*Goethe.*

Robert James Clark, son of John B. Clark and Rachel Clark, was born August 17th, 1841, in Giles County, Tennessee. His father was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and his mother was a Cumberland Presbyterian. He was converted in January, 1870, at Greenville, Clay County, Missouri, and joined the church at Lawson, Missouri, in 1876, during the pastorate of Rev. Joseph Devlin. He was converted at a union service at the Methodist church commenced at Quarterly Meeting in December, 1869, by Rev. S. W. Cope, and Rev. W. P. Wilson, and assisted by Revs. Felts and Roan of the Baptist church, and Yantes of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Wiley Clark of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, resulting in about one hundred and fifty conversions, and continued for six weeks. He is "still pressing forward to the mark of the prize." He was married to Miss Sallie A. Moore, October 1st, 1870, and they have five children living, to-wit: Orson, Frank, Robert J., Albert M. and James K. Clark. One daughter, Mattie, died in infancy. Brother Clark has been one of the faithful members of Lawson Church for many years. Engaged in the banking business, he has many true friends. He is safe in counsel, and true to his convictions. He has enjoyed Books of Sermons, O. P. Fitzgerald's Books, and others of that character. He came to Ray County, Missouri, in 1854; crossed the plains to California with an ox team in 1859; journeyed to Oregon in 1860; took a small part in the Indian wars of the Sixties, and returned to Missouri in 1867, and has lived at Lawson, Missouri, nearly all the time since 1870.

MR. JAMES BOLTON BATHGATE.

What is the highest happiness of mortals, if not to execute what
We consider right and good?—*Goethe.*



Mr. James Bolton Bathgate was born September 17th, 1871, near Knoxville, Ray County, Missouri. His father, Thomas Bathgate, was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his mother, Rachel Bathgate, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in March, 1894, at Knoxville, Missouri, during a revival meeting conducted by Rev. I. T. Nash. He joined the church and was baptized at Knoxville, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. J. T. Winstead, but moved his membership to Polo, Missouri. He was converted at the night service at the altar. His lack of faith had been his greatest hindrance; it was hard for him to believe that God could do it all alone. Even before his conversion, and most certainly since, it has been his desire to develop himself in Christian character and bring out the best that is in him for God. God has been good to him and reveals His truth, enlightens his understanding, as He sees best for his spiritual development, and as he more fully understands His will and purpose and the great need He has for His followers, his determination becomes stronger to do His will more perfectly, and in His service he is drawn nearer to God and his fellow man. His education was received at the public schools and at Central Business College, Sedalia, Missouri, where he graduated in May, 1892. Brother Bathgate has made use of his business training in the service of his church; he, with many others, helping in the erection of the beautiful new Methodist Church at Polo, Missouri. He was married to Miss Eva Dorcas Slack, October 4th, 1892, and they have had three children, all of whom are dead. His life has been of an even temperament; from boyhood he has had a strong desire to make his mark in the world as a business man, but since his conversion, he finds that to be a thorough business man, it is necessary to trust in a higher power for guidance in battling with the rough edges of life. Some of the books, aside from the Bible, which have been most helpful to him, are Emerson's Essays and Lectures, Life and Works of Wesley, Spurgeon, Moody and Talmage, John G. Paton, and works of Dr. Livingston, Samuel Smiles, J. R. Miller, D. D., Bishop Galloway, and Bishop Hendrix. He has been a teacher in the Sunday School since March, 1894, and steward since May, 1894, and president of the League for several years. He went into the hardware business, September 4th, 1892, and continued in that business for eleven years; organized the First National Bank, at Polo, Missouri, September 4th, 1905, and has been cashier of the above named bank since its organization.



REV. JAMES ROBERT HEDGES.

The world respects a genuine Man.—*Bishop Haygood.*

Rev. James Robert Hedges was born September 29th, 1862, near Otterville, Cooper County, Missouri, where he grew to manhood. He was married to Miss Minnie L. Todd April 20th, 1887. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. C. A. Lewis, at the age of twenty-seven years. He was licensed to preach in the spring of 1892, at Pleasant Hill church, on the Otterville Circuit, Rev. R. S. Hunter, Presiding Elder, and recommended to the Annual Conference the same year. He was received on trial at the Annual Conference held in Independence, 1890, Bishop Galloway presiding. He was appointed to Cross Timber Station and served this work one year; Mountserrat Circuit, three years; Columbus Circuit, one year; Buckner Circuit, four years; Houstonia and Herndon, one year; Sweet Springs and Blackwater, three years; Malta Bend and Grand Pass, one year; fall of 1906, transferred to Missouri Conference by Bishop J. S. Key, and stationed at Kingston. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at Jefferson City, 1904; Elder by Bishop Galloway, at Nevada, 1906. His pastorates have generally been pleasant, and his mixing qualities are good. He is a temperance advocate, and his style of sermonizing is practical. Brother Hedges has wrought well in all the charges where he has served, and he has made many friends. Sister Hedges is one of the noble women of our Methodism. One of the daughters, Miss Clara Hedges, excells in music. Miss Ruth Hedges, another daughter, is a good student, and has a practical turn for affairs. Miss Bessie is fine in elocution and gives promise of good success in her chosen line.



REV. JOHN WESLEY MATTHEWS, M. D.

The highest work of each generation is to saturate the life Of its children and youth with the truth and spirit of the Son Of God.—*Bishop Atkins.*

Rev. John Wesley Matthews, was born near Baltimore, Maryland, May 29th, 1825. He is a son of John Matthews and Henrietta Matthews, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted August 12th, 1840, at a campmeeting and joined the church the next day, under the ministry of Rev. E. Reed. His conversion was very clear and bright. He was licensed to preach March 17th, 1852, by the Quarterly Conference at Wellington, Lafayette County, Missouri; Rev. Andrew Monroe, Presiding Elder. He never applied for admission to join the Conference; he wanted to be free and go where he could do the most good. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Wightman at the Jonesburg District Conference; ordained Elder by Bishop Wightman at Louisiana, Missouri. He traveled under Rev. T. T. Ashby who had charge of the Indians in Kansas when it was a Territory; he also had his regular appointments in the Circuit where he lived and filled the pulpit at Warrenton, Missouri, for eight years. He was married to Miss Eliza Ann Straughn October 20th, 1848, and four children were born unto them: Henry Earl, Francis Holmes, Jessie L. and Mattie Matthews. Brother Matthews is now living in Liberty, Missouri, with his youngest son. Having passed the eighty-first mile post in life, he is just waiting for the messenger to come and take him across the river to rest under the shade of the trees.

REV. DUDLEY C. O'HOWELL.

Love to God and man, the root of all benevolence, is religion Itself.—*Dr. Wm. E. Munsey.*

By Rev Bowman D. Sipple.



Dudley C. O'Howell was born in Jackson County, Missouri, January 31, 1834; was converted in early manhood through the influence of his Methodist mother; licensed to exhort in 1856; licensed to preach September 20, by the Poplar Bluff Quarterly Conference, and received on trial in the St. Louis Conference October, 1856. His first appointment was Hartsville Circuit as junior preacher. In 1857 he transferred to Kansas Conference; Nimeha, 1858, and ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrew; Mount Pleasant, 1859; ordained Elder in 1860, by Bishop Kavanaugh, and appointed to Nimeha Circuit. The foregoing dates are secured from the General Minutes, though they do not agree with the sketch in the Minutes. No Minutes are given in 1861-67. In 1868, his appointment was Holton; Richmond, 1869; superannuated, 1870; Holton, 1871; Council Grove, 1872; Leavenworth District, 1873-75; Atchison District, 1876; transferred to the Missouri Conference and stationed at Maryville, 1877-78; Osborn, 1879-80; Lawson, 1881; 10th St. St. Joseph, 1882; Plattsburg, 1882-83; Plattsburg District, 1884-87; Brunswick, 1888-89; Mexico District, 1890-93; St. Charles District, 1894. With the exception of traveling the Norborne Circuit, 1896, he was supernumerary until his death, January 24, 1899. "From the prairie circuit to the city station he faithfully preached the gospel to all classes of hearers, and 'much people were added to the Church. He was thoroughly versed both by investigation and experience, in Arminian theology. He dealt sturdy blows on every dogma that impeached the impartial love of God. He showed God to be no respecter of persons. There was no arbitrary will in the atonement; all of the benefits hinged on the free will of man. Salvation, as he preached it, rested on ordinance of man. The righteousness of Christ availed to save only so far as it made man righteous, liberating him from the guilt, the love and the power of sin. The hope of final success in the Christian life depended upon the fidelity of the sinner, aided by divine grace, and not upon any arbitrary election or favoritism. Brother O'Howell never received large salaries, but by his economy and good judgment in a few investments brought him such large returns that he was enabled two years before his death to give more than ten thousand dollars to the Conference Trust Fund for superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans. He loved his church, her doctrines, her polity and her ministry. Never did a Christian fall asleep more gently than did he."

Brother O'Howell represented his Conference in the General Conference in 1874. He was a safe man, carefully looking into every detail of the work, and most helpful to young preachers. His quaint and pleasant questions to a board of stewards kept them always in a good humor, though they might wince under the points made. Children loved him because he loved children, and would go far to attend a children's service. One preacher remembers the friendship of this same man as few other friendships experienced. He stood alone in his individuality.

HON. MARTIN E. LAWSON.

Christianity is fitted to mankind as a palm-branch is fitted to A king's hand. *Dr. Wm. A. Quayle.*

By Rev. Chas. B. Duncan, A. M.



The success of a local church is in no small degree dependent upon the character of its laymen. Intelligent conceptions of the work and mission of the church, fervent piety, and an abiding interest in her welfare on their part, qualify for leadership and insure success; but the absence of these will seriously handicap the most resourceful preacher.

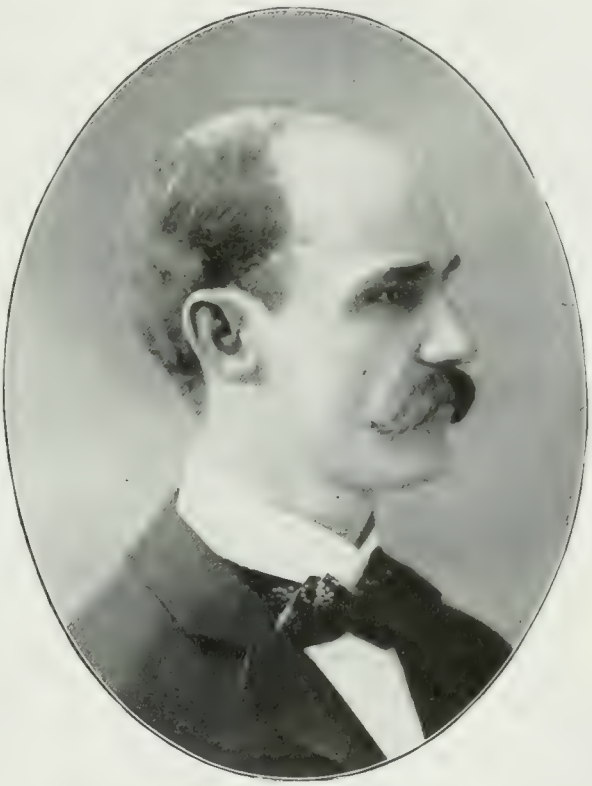
The congregation at Liberty is fortunate in possessing a number of such men. Prominent among them is Martin E. Lawson, a native of Pennsylvania, who was born in Franklin County, May 15th, 1867. Four years later his parents moved to the West. After spending three years in Fulton County Illinois, they removed to a farm in DeKalb County, Missouri, where he grew to manhood. Like many of our successful men, upon reaching his majority he found himself without money or influential friends. But he had assets far more valuable than these for he possessed all the latent elements of manhood necessary to a successful career. With characteristic energy and determination he began the study of law, making his way as he went. He was admitted to the bar at Liberty, Missouri, October 20th, 1890, where he has continued to practice until the present time. His industry, integrity, and ability have enabled him to build up a lucrative business and have won for him a place of high rank in the legal fraternity.

He was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Liberty, in February, 1890. Recognizing the worth of the young man, in the following May his pastor had him appointed superintendent of the Sunday School, a position he has held continuously until the present time. Subsequent results have fully justified the wisdom of the choice. He has served both as steward and trustee during the whole time of his connection with the church and has represented his district as lay-delegate to the Annual Conference. When Woodson Institute, the secondary school for the Plattsburg District, was established at Richmond, Missouri, he was appointed on its board of curators and continued to serve in that capacity until it was correlated with Central College. In all these various fields of activity, his sound judgment, liberality, faithfulness and devotion have made him a very useful man to the church and have given him a potent influence for good in his community.

October 10th, 1894, he was married to Miss Kate Riley, of Liberty, Missouri, who has proven a very worthy helpmeet. Two children, James Enoch Lawson and Nancy Lawson, have come to bless their home.

REV. WILLIAM RICHARD WEAKLEY, Ph.B.

Would God this man owned the whole world! for then the poor
Would be made to rejoice, and the sad of heart would know
What a friend they had.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. William Richard Weakley was born February 26th, 1868, at Knoxville, Missouri, and was converted at the age of fifteen in a meeting held at Lawson, by Rev. T. H. Swearingen, assisted by Rev. John T. Winstead, who preached the day he was converted. He was graduated with the degree of Ph. B. from Central College in 1893, and entered the Missouri Conference the same year, and ordained Deacon by Bishop Haygood, September 17th, 1893. His first appointment was Grayson Circuit. During this Conference year he was accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions as a Missionary candidate. The Fayette, Missouri, Methodist Sunday School having provided a sum sufficient to pay his traveling expenses and support him for a year, he left his home town of Lawson, Missouri, January 29th, 1895, and arrived at Kobe, Japan, February 20th. He was appointed for work and language study to the city of Himeji, one of the old castle towns of feudal Japan. After staying here something over a year, he was appointed to the historic city of Oita where it is said Francis Xavier, the great Jesuit Missionary, did his last work in Japan. The Oita Circuit had five appointments, widely separated and hard to work, but God's hand was wonderfully revealed in the results of the six and a half year's work there. In 1901, the workers hearts were gladdened by a revival of great power when many young men gave full evidence of sound conversion. It was while serving the Oita work that he married, at Kobe, Japan, July 11th, 1899, Miss Gertrude M. Wilcox, daughter of Rev. G. B. Wilcox, D.D., Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Theology in the Chicago Theological Seminary, a Congregational school. Miss Wilcox was at the time of their marriage teaching in Kobe College, a mission school for girls in Kobe, Japan. After a furlough to the homeland, his first appointment on returning to Japan was to the Hiroshima Circuit. Arriving there in the midst of the Russo-Japan war, he and his wife, with other missionaries in the city, had free access to the military hospitals, and during the year gave out, to the sick and wounded, Bibles, tracts and hymn books by the thousands, besides visiting and speaking to hundreds and thousands of the soldiers in the hospitals. The sights and sounds of those days made of Brother Weakley an uncompromising Peace Advocate. In 1905 he was appointed to West Osaka and Sakai Churches, and at the present writing he has this work.

DR. FRANCIS HOLMES MATTHEWS.

Who can limit God's use of a consecrated man, or count the Rewards to those who obey Him?—*Bishop Hendrix.*



Parents, J. W. Matthews, M. D., and Mrs. Ella Flanders Matthews. They were enthusiastic members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The father still lives, making his home with his son in Liberty, Missouri. Born in Troy, Illinois, June 29th, 1866. Converted in 1881, at New Harmony, Missouri, Rev. T. R. Kendall, pastor. He joined the Church immediately after conversion. He was trained in a most devout Christian home, and was saved many experiences which come to the majority of boys. While seeking religion he went to the "mourners' bench" repeatedly, expecting some great change, or experience. Having been reared in such a consecrated home, naturally this sudden change never came. But he yielded his heart to the Lord, and joined the Church and began to live as he thought a church member should. Such beginners ordinarily mark the best Christian lives. He was educated in the public schools, and after some years in business, attended the University Medical College, Kansas City, Missouri, graduating in March, 1900. He located in Liberty, Missouri, for the practice of his profession, and soon became one of the leading physicians of the county. He married Miss Mary S. Allen, daughter of Trigg T. Allen, Esq., of Liberty, Missouri, December 14th, 1892. Children, Elizabeth and Francis Holmes, Jr. Dr. Matthews received his first impulse for an education in his childhood home. His mother was a woman of superior education, and being a trained teacher, her children were given regular courses of instruction under her direction. A home with a good library and choice literature, a mother directing his studies during vacations, when he had regular recitations, these were the influences that helped him more than all else. His father was a busy physician, but took time to give him instruction relative to the many temptations of boyhood, and thus saved him from many pitfalls. His father is also a local Elder in our Church at Liberty, and during the year 1852 was associated with Dr. Nathan Scarritt in evangelistic work. He was missionary to the Indians, and has ever been a faithful and earnest preacher.

The mother was a strict observer of early Methodist usages. In connection with the Quarterly Conference, the regular fast was observed, and no meat was eaten from Friday to Monday. She was gifted in prayer, and took part in the class meetings. Excepting times of sickness she taught a class of young women in the Sunday School all during her life. Their home was always a home for the preachers, and the mother's chief delight was to minister to some faithful servant of God.

Dr. F. H. Matthews joined the Liberty Church in the spring of 1893. For years he has been serving on the Board of Stewards, has acted in the capacity of District Steward, and for a number of times has been delegate to the Annual Conference. He was president of the District Epworth League when the Conference was held in Richmond in 1898. Dr. S. A. Steel was present at this convention, and by many this is remembered as one of the very best of conventions. Dr. Matthews is loyal to his Church, interested in her welfare, and faithful to her ministers.

REV. ALFRED SNOWDEN.

O Friend! my comforter and guide!
Strong in thyself, and powerful to give strength.—*Coleridge.*



Rev. Alfred Snowden was born of Methodist parents in the year 1873 in the state of Wisconsin. In September, 1893, while working at the printers' trade in the city of Minneapolis, a revival was in progress in the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church; the pastor, Rev. W. Hollman, D.D., was assisted by Bishop Isaac W. Joyce. The influence of this revival was far reaching; the revival wave reached him on Sunday evening; he was drawn to the Church by some unseen power, this being the first time he had attended church for five years. The Bishop preached like a man who was travailing in agony over lost souls. During that masterful sermon, conviction seized his soul, carried him to the chancel, and while the preacher completed his discourse, "I thought on my ways," Heaven spoke peace to his soul. This night was the prayer of faith answered that had ascended to the throne of God twenty years before on the day of his baptism. More light was the one desire of his life. He made it a rule of life to speak to at least one person a day about his eternal destiny. God honored these efforts, and gave him a clear conception of a "spirit filled" life. Perhaps the red letter day of his life was the day he decided "I must preach;" this decision was fought for eighteen months. He was at the time of conversion established in business as a printer, but the call to preach was strong and clear. The years following his decision to preach the Gospel were spent in training for his life work in the following institutions: Fayette Academy, two years; Woodson Academy, one year; Park College, two years; Chicago Institute (Missionary Training School), two years. He was licensed to preach in 1899 by the Plattsburg District Conference. He was received into the Missouri Annual Conference on trial in 1900, Rev. C. Grimes then being his Presiding Elder; ordained Deacon in 1902, by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Chillicothe, Missouri; ordained Elder in 1904, at Columbia, Missouri, by Bishop E. R. Hendrix. He has served the following charges: Rushville, one year; Kingston, two years; Missouri City, three years; Osborn, two years. During his ministry about 150 persons have been added to the Church. During his pastorate at Missouri City he secured a parsonage for the charge. "College culture can be secured without spiritual environment," he writes, "but we believe that conduct and character are the main ends in education, and that doing our utmost for the Church and general society, we do well to secure the education of as many young men and women as possible under the tutelage of Christian teachers and in the spiritual atmosphere of a Church College."



MR. J. H. SNOW.

And He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children.
—*Malachi.*

He was born in Campbell County, Virginia, June 6th, 1836. While yet in infancy he was taken to Greenup (now Boyd) County, Kentucky, and reared by Baptist parents, in the vicinity of Catletsburg and Ashland. When twenty-one years of age he came to Daviess County, Missouri, settling near Pattonsburg in the spring of 1857. There the following year he was, through the ministry and good counsel of Rev. E. K. Miller, Presiding Elder of Savannah District, taken on trial into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Shortly before his probation expired, he was by order of Rev. A. E. Sears, Presiding Elder, admitted to full membership and baptized by Rev. William Ketron, preacher in charge, and made steward at this Quarterly meeting. The action seemed hasty and premature, but the results have been lasting, for he has been class steward or recording steward, and most of the time filled both offices at once, from that day to the present time, a period of nearly fifty years. The classes to which he has belonged have never been delinquent at the end of any of these many years. He loves the Church of God; he loves the Sabbath School. They have both been great blessings to him. He has organized schools in every community that he has lived in. He was Superintendent of one school for twenty-one years. He has been in some way connected with the Sunday School interest for sixty years. Though growing old in years (nearly 71) he is still young in heart and life; still striving to become better himself, and to do all he can to make others better. His church relations and environments have not been such as he desired. Unfortunately for himself, he has spent most of his life on the border of our two Methodisms, where there have always been conflicting interests. He has labored earnestly and contributed liberally to the upbuilding of our Church. For nearly twenty years, previous to 1900, he was honored by the brethren of Plattsburg District by electing him a lay delegate to the Annual Conference, and until his hearing became impaired, it was a great privilege to meet and mingle with that body of good and noble men. Their wise deliberations and sweet associations were a real benediction to him. He still holds them in high esteem, always glad to meet them and always rejoices to hear of their successes and triumphs in their great calling. With them he has had many pleasant seasons on earth, and, by the Grace of God, he expects to spend eternity with them in our Father's House above.



MR. SAMUEL BRUCE HITT.

His geniality, his wit, and his talents drew around him an Admiring circle.—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*

Mr. Samuel Bruce Hitt first looked upon this beautiful world, December 2nd, 1832. He was the son of Daniel Hitt and Johanna Hitt of Virginia, and was of a long line of Methodist ancestry. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. George W. Crumbaugh at Hopewell Church, Carroll County, Kentucky. His religion was a principle that grew with his years and by trying to do the will of God. His was a constant growth in grace. He was married to Miss Hannah Dowees, of Carroll County, Kentucky, October 29th, 1862, and the following children were born of the marriage: Bruce D. Hitt, Arthur J. Hitt, James Cope Hitt and Mrs. Florence A. McCarty. In 1859 he was called to Osborn to the position of telegrapher, the first to hold that place for the new Hannibal & St. Joe railroad. The first preacher came from Plattsburg, Rev. Perkins, and the young agent made appointment for service in the depot. From that time on his humble home was always open to the circuit rider. And during the perilous war times he not only gave them shelter, but was a refuge when their lives were in danger, as Rev. Middleton R. Jones, Rev. W. A. Tarwater and Rev. Jesse Bird and others could testify. Then he and his brother, Benjamin M. Hittt, and brother-in-law, W. S. Moore, laid the plans and carried a large proportion of the burden of building of a church and parsonage at Osborn. His house was the home of the saintly Cope and family while he was Presiding Elder of Plattsburg District. It was there Rev. W. E. Dockery, to use his own words, "made a preacher of Johnnie Winstead." There the Quarterly Conference was held until the Church was completed. The following is an extract from the last letter written by Brother S. W. Cope, only a short time before his death: "I am glad to have known Brother Hitt so long and so favorably. I think of the two years I spent in your home with my family with greatest pleasure. I count them among the happiest of my life. And think, too, of the oft-times we used to meet in the sanctuary of God. Such days can never be forgotten. I rejoice with you in the long, useful life of your husband and in his happy death."



MRS. NANCY M. HALE.

The trying of your faith worketh patience.—*St. James.*

By J. E. Roberts, Sr.

Nancy M. Hale was born in Grayson County, Virginia, July 28th, 1828. She removed with her husband, James D. Hale, in 1850, settling in DeKalb County, Missouri. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the Maysville Circuit, Rev. M. Naylor, preacher in charge. Her husband was killed near Stewartsville in Clinton County, on July 22nd, 1864. They subscribed for the St. Louis Christian Advocate in 1852 or 1853. Mrs. Hale has remained a widow and has been a continuous subscriber to the paper ever since. She is now a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Meade, Kansas, no Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being anywhere near her. She is still active for one of her age and reads every number of the good old Advocate. For a number of years she was a member of the Francis Street Church, St. Joseph, Mo., under the pastorate of Bishop Hendrix and Brother Vandeventer. Mrs. Nancy M. Hale went through the days that were dark when Dr. D. R. McAnally stood at the helm of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, and helped by his untiring labors and devotion to save the Church that was dear to his heart. It is well that those days are gone and at least somewhat forgotten. No wonder the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is dear to the hearts of her devoted members who have come up through the years gone by, years of suffering and trial. Dr. W. B. Palmore, the present editor of the Advocate, lives now in another and a better day.



REV. WILLIAM PAYTON OWEN.

He that winneth souls is wise.—*Solomon.*

Rev. William Payton Owen, son of Sanford Owen and Elizabeth Owen, was born at Black Oak, Caldwell County, Missouri, August 16th, 1854. Both parents have always been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Black Oak, Missouri, in the winter of 1871, during a protracted prayer meeting, but did not join the Church until two years later under the ministry of Rev. Grafton Tanquary; he was converted in the old-fashioned way at the old-fashioned mourner's bench. His growth in grace was gradual until the 27th day of April, 1894, when he experienced the blessing of perfect love. He was licensed to preach the 17th day of March, 1889, by the Quarterly Conferenec of Millville Circuit; Rev. T. H. Swearengen, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. M. O'Bryen, Presiding Elder. He was recommended for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of Shelbina Circuit, either the latter part of August or the first part of September, 1889, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial, in 1889, Rev. J. H. Pritchett, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop Granbery presiding at this conference; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hargrove at Hillsdale, Kansas, in September, 1891, and ordained Elder by Bishop Haygood at Kansas City, Kansas, September 3rd, 1893. The order of his appointments is: At Excello, Missouri, September, 1889 to 1890; Shawnee Town, Kansas, 1890 to 1891; Wellington, Kansas, 1891 to 1892; Winfield, Kansas, 1892 to 1893; Fairmount, Kansas, 1893 to 1895; Perry, Kansas, 1895 to 1896; Bronson, Kansas, 1896 to 1897; Kelso, Kansas, 1897 to 1899; Wellington, Kansas, 1899 to 1900; Bogard, Missouri, 1900 to 1902; Chillicothe, Missouri, 1902 to 1904; Oakesdale, Washington, 1904 to 1905; Genesee, Idaho, from September, 1905, to January, 1906; Arbuckle, California, from January, 1906, to October, 1906, and is now at Smithville, Missouri. One thousand persons, or more, have been received into the Church during his ministry. He was married August 23rd, 1893, to Miss Ottie A. Miller; the names of his children are: Edgar Lee Owen, Eugene Palmore Owen, Roy Francis Owen, Ada Maud Owen. He considers the experience of perfect love the most important crisis in his life. Bunyan's Pilgrims' Progress and The Life of James B. Finley are books that have been very beneficial in his Christian life. He considers the Christian College a very important part of every Church.

REV. WILLIAM LESLIE MYERS.

Innocence is the attribute of the created, but holiness of the Obedient.—*Dr. Fairbairn.*



Rev. William Leslie Myers, son of Bernard Leslie Myers and Mary Elizabeth Myers, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born October 7th, 1878, near Turney, Clinton County, Missouri. He was converted at Parrot's Grove about two miles east of Perrin, Missouri, in a camp meeting held by Rev. R. W. Howerton, in August, 1890, and joined the Church at Turney at the close of that meeting. He had been reared in a Christian home, where prayers were offered night and morning. Having had religious instruction early in life he became deeply interested in his salvation. He had been under conviction for several days during Brother Howerton's camp meeting and was converted at the last night service of the meeting after the congregation had left. His young heart was filled with a sweet peace, and he quietly went to his parents and his pastor and told them he had been converted. For the first four or five years of his Christian life he made little progress and soon fell into a backslidden condition, from which he was reclaimed during the preaching of Rev. E. C. Swann, and feeling a call to preach, he soon began preparation for the ministry. During his first year's ministry he became convicted for perfect love, and after reading much on the subject became thoroughly convinced that it was for him and began to seek it. He was finally blessed while on the Parkville Circuit, and has found it a very valuable addition to his former religious experience. He was licensed to preach by the Plattsburg District Conference at Kearney, Missouri, April 5th, 1900; Rev. E. C. Swann, pastor, and Rev. C. Grimes, Presiding Elder. The same District Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, April 5th, 1900; and he was received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1900; Rev. C. Grimes, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Granbery, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Wilson in September, 1902, at Chillicothe, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Hendrix in September, 1904, at Columbia, Missouri. He served his first year on two charges, filling out the unexpired year, four months, on Linden Mission and eight months on Missouri City Circuit; was then appointed by Bishop Candler to Hallard, now Rayville Circuit; then by Bishops Wilson and Galloway to Parkville Circuit, two years; then again twice by Bishop Hendrix and once by Bishop Key to Rayville Circuit, where he is now stationed. He has received about one hundred and seventy persons into the Church under his ministry. He received his education at the Turney Public School and Woodson Institute, Richmond, Missouri. He was married to Miss Lillie May Shreve, July 31st, 1901, and they have one son, Charles Leslie Myers. He considers his call to the ministry, which he resisted for some time, and his conviction for perfect love as the most important crisis in his life. Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, which he read in early life, has been a source of help, both in his religious life and for illustrations in preaching, also a paper, The Christian Witness, has proven most helpful. He thinks colleges that are thoroughly Christian the great need of to-day and very necessary for a well rounded education.



HARDIN PARSONAGE.

Hardin Parsonage was built under the direction of Rev. Edward C. Swann. He collected the money and the people at Hardin subscribed willingly and liberally. Brother W. B. Hughes was greatly interested in this enterprise. This house is a success.



GOSNEYVILLE CHURCH.

Rev. W. P. Owen, Pastor.

This is one of the finest country churches in Plattsburg District. It was finished under the pastorate of Rev. G. B. Smith, and the church was dedicated by Rev. J. M. O'Bryen. The official Board for the entire charge is as follows: J. H. Coleman, Andrew Collins, P. C. Meek, Clarence Taul, John Fisher, J. W. McGee, George Allen and G. E. Broadhurst. Local preachers, Rev. J. N. Hulse and Rev. B. F. Clark.

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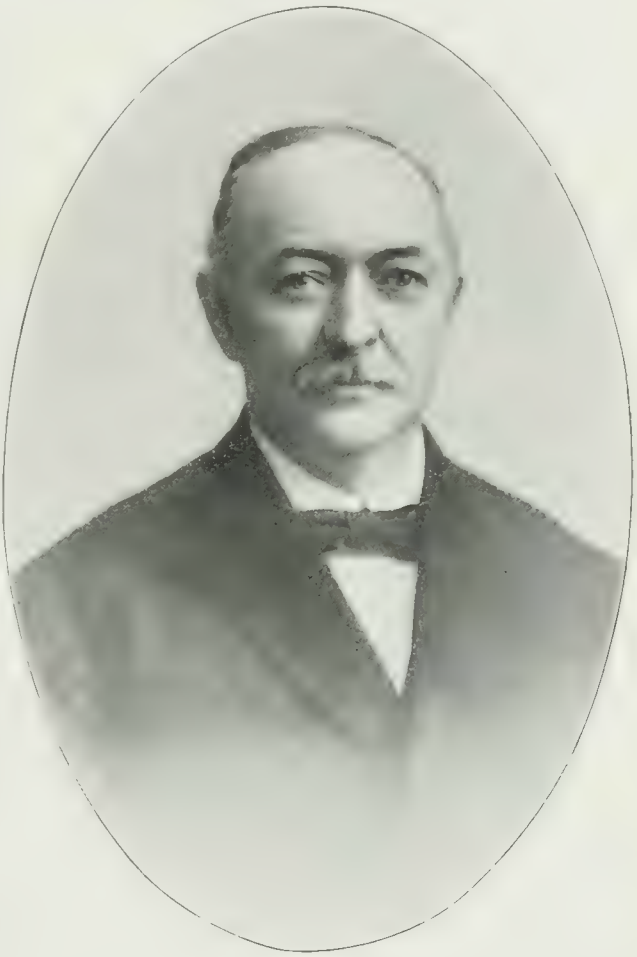
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REV. MATTHEW HENRY MOORE, D.D.

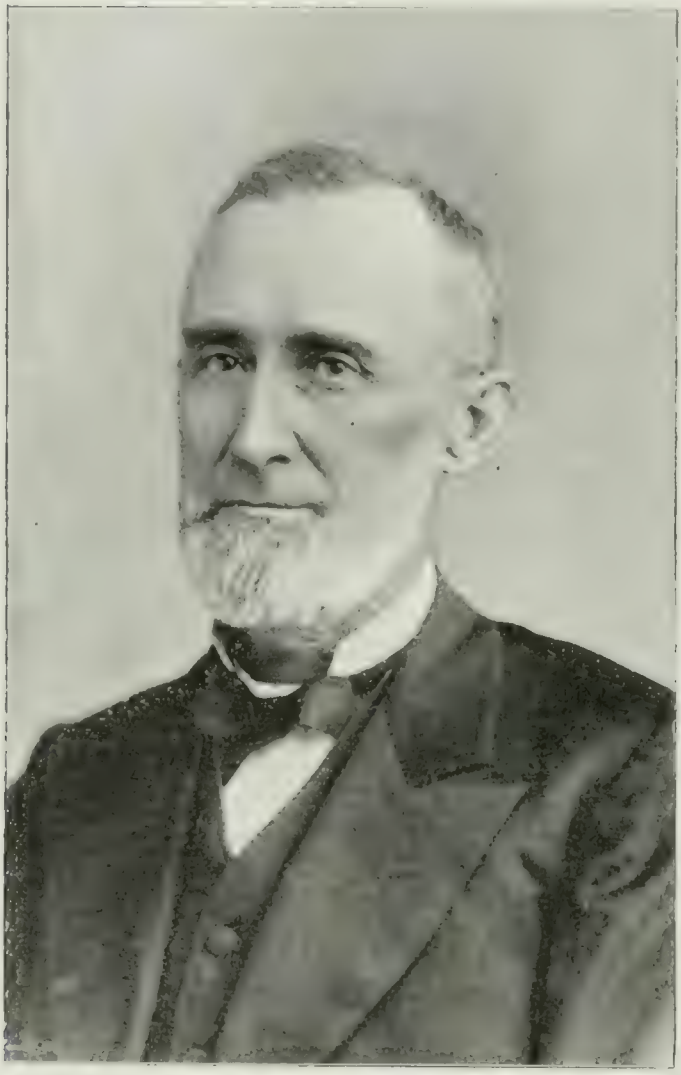
To saturate life with God, and the world with Heaven, that is the Genius of Christianity.—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*



Rev. Matthew Henry Moore, the son of Dr. John R. Moore and Lucy Burges Moore, was born in North Carolina, October 31st, 1857. His great grandfather Moore was prominent in Virginia affairs in the Revolutionary period. His grandfather, Rev. Thomas Moore, was a member of the Virginia Conference. Brother Moore received his early education in a private school; he afterwards attended the Davis Academy at Louisburg and later, Rocky Mount College. His home life has been a happy one. Married to Miss Eugenia Thomas of Leasburg, North Carolina, in 1884, seven children have been born to their union. The oldest, Mr. Olin Moore, A.M., is Professor of Modern Languages in Millsap's College; the second, Mr. Henry Moore, A.M., is now studying in Yale University for his Ph.D. degree; the third, Miss Eugenia Moore, is teaching in Bartlettsville, Indian Territory; the fourth, John Moore, is a student in Missouri University; the other three remain under the parental roof. In 1878 he entered the ministry of the North Carolina Conference and was appointed to the Onslow Circuit, and his ministry was crowned with one hundred conversions the first year. Later he was appointed to Chapel Hill, where the University of North Carolina is located. He was for seven years editor of the North Carolina "Christian Advocate." A series of biographical sketches entitled, "Pioneers of Methodism," by him, attracted the attention of Bishops Keener and McTyeire, Dr. Charles F. Deems and other leading men of the Church, and the publication in book form was called for. Bishop McTyeire cites this book as one of his authorities and quotes from it in his History of Methodism. After eleven years of service in the North Carolina Conference, Brother Moore was transferred to the Denver Conference, and stationed at Pueblo. Later he served Trinidad Station. In 1892 he was transferred to the St. Louis Conference, where he served West Plains Station, then three years as presiding elder of the Charleston District, and two years as pastor of Wagoner Place Church in the city of St. Louis. He was then transferred to the Missouri Conference and stationed at Columbia. He served Moberly Station one year, and was then appointed to Carrollton; at the beginning of his third year at Carrollton he was appointed, by Bishop Hendrix, Presiding Elder of St. Joseph District. In each of the four conferences with which he has been identified he has served on important committees and given himself fully to furthering the interests of the Church. A faithful and tireless worker, ambitious to see the Kingdom of God advanced, he loves the Church, and all her interests are on his heart. Under his leadership, the St. Joseph District has taken on new life and the Church is steadily moving on to victory.

REV. CORNELIUS ISAAC VANDEVENTER.

Blessed are they who have a noble past, a yesterday crowded with Figures and memories of things beautiful and lovable.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. Cornelius Isaac VanDeventer, son of Cornelius and Mary Clark (Galleher) VanDeventer, was born July 25th, 1825, in Loudoun County, Virginia. On his father's side he came of Presbyterian stock, his mother's people being Methodists.

Brother VanDeventer received his early education in the common schools and later attended Mr. C. A. Lord's Seminary at Shelbyville, Mo., and a school at Philadelphia, Missouri.

His conversion, which he marks as the most important crisis in his life, occurred during a meeting held in the summer of 1839, at the Otter Creek Camp Ground, in Monroe County, Missouri. He united at once with the Methodist Church, Rev. Robert Jordan being the preacher in charge, and Rev. Andrew Monroe the presiding elder. Of his experience in conversion Brother VanDeventer gives the following account: "After great discouragement, on the last night of the meeting I felt a sweet sense of rest, peace, and of sins forgiven, with a conscious change of inclination and purpose to forsake the wrong and follow the right." As to growth in grace he makes the following statement: "My belief and experience in the matter of growth in grace is substantially that where 'the Lord has planted grace' in conversion, the conditions required being complied with, and in proportion as they are complied with, growth will follow in the spiritual as in the natural realm, as illustrated in the parable of the leaven."

Brother VanDeventer was licensed to preach February 22nd, 1844, by the Quarterly Conference of the Shelbyville Circuit; Rev. James M. Green, P.C., and Rev. Jesse Green, P.E. In the following September the same body recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and he was admitted at the session which convened in St. Louis that same fall, Bishop T. A. Morris presiding.

On August 27th, 1846, Brother VanDeventer was married to Elizabeth Ann Grimes, of Pike County, Missouri. For nearly sixty years Sister VanDeventer lived to bless his life and to serve the interests of the Church. To the union were born three children, Mary Elizabeth, Olin E. and John W., of whom only the second survived the mother's death in November, 1905.

MRS. ELIZABETH GRIMES VANDEVENTER.

Firm, unwavering Trust, that knows no passing cloud, is a work Of Time with all who have an inner personal nearness to the Savior.—*Dr. Cunningham Geikie.*

By Rev. Sanford Preston Cresap.



Elizabeth Grimes VanDeventer, daughter of Captain and Mrs. John J. Grimes, was born in Paynesville, Pike County, Missouri, January 5th, 1830; died in the family home, in St. Joseph, Missouri, November 7th, 1905.

Sister VanDeventer was led to Christ and into the Methodist Church, under the ministry of Rev. Jacob Sigler, at the early age of eleven years. She was married to our brother, the Rev. C. I. VanDeventer, August 27th, 1846, the Rev. Jacob Lanius officiating. Through the long period of nearly sixty years these people lived happily together. Of the union were born three children, Mary Elizabeth, Olin and John William. Of these, Olin with the husband survive the wife and mother. As the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher, Sister VanDeventer was faithful in every respect. Cheerful in hardship, patient in trial, courageous and trustful in sorrow, wise and efficient in active ministries, she was to her husband a helpmeet indeed. "And the heart of her husband did safely trust in her." Her's was a positive Christian character. To do the Lord's work was her highest ambition and greatest joy. Back of her husband's large success as a Christian minister, was her stimulating hope and cheer and constant prayer, and her own supplementing ministry.

She was greatly interested in the Missouri Conference, following the details of its work and watching with anxious eye every step of its progress. Her visits to the Annual Conference sessions were bright oases in her itinerant experience. Here she became acquainted with most of the preachers and knew them to love them. She always showed interest in their families, and often expressed anxiety for their comfort.

It has been an inspiration to St. Joseph Methodism, through many years, to have had living in their midst and closely identified with their Christian life, Brother and Sister VanDeventer. Thirty-two years they have spent in this city. Six years Brother VanDeventer was pastor of the Francis Street Church, nine years Presiding Elder of the district, three years pastor of Hundley, one of Centenary, and one of Spruce and Gooding. During the last twelve years in a superannuated relationship to the Conference, they have lived here, a sweet and inspiring benediction to all. The Francis Street Church has been the special beneficiary of Sister VanDeventer's life during these years. She has been a sister to the aged, a mother to the young and maturing, and like a grandmother to the Church's children. May the influence of her life, potent and helpful, always linger with us, though she be gone.

REV. GEORGE T. HOAGLAND.

Blessed are they that do His Commandments, that they may have Right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates Into the city.—*St. John.*

By Rev. C. M. Bishop, D.D.



Rev. Geo. T. Hoagland was born in Elizabeth, N. J., February 7th, 1814, and died at St. Joseph, Missouri, October 30th, 1903. He lived nearly sixty-five years in Missouri, having come to Boonville about the year 1838. From there he moved to St. Joseph in 1852. He was married to Miss Nannie Gale, of Elizabeth, N. J., February 2nd, 1842. In their early life Mr. and Mrs. Hoagland were members of the Presbyterian Church, but while at Boonville they united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which communion he was a devoted and faithful and very useful member to the end of his long life. Brother Hoagland was from the time of his first coming to St. Joseph connected with the Church, which is now known as the Francis Street Church. He was an officer in it for many years, being a local preacher, a steward, Sunday School Superintendent, and a trustee. When his health failed he relinquished all official position, except that of trustee, requesting the Quarterly Conference not to renew his license to preach. But his love for the Church in general, and his devotion to the local Church continued to the very end of his life. For many years previous to his death he was unable to attend upon the public services of the Church, but he never failed, during visits of his pastor, to inquire anxiously after all the interests of the work, and with the increasing costs of the maintenance of the Church he invariably increased his own contribution accordingly. He was a man of much prayer, and a great lover of the Word of God. His pastor rarely ever visited him, when he was able to enter into conversation at all, that he did not find him dwelling upon some inspiring and comforting passage of scripture, which he would quote as they talked together. His patience was remarkable. He longed to depart and be with Christ, but did not complain. His invariable response to the greeting of his friends was, "I am waiting." Brother Hoagland was unusually successful in business, and out of the rewards of it he did much in the way of benevolence, and in support of the various institutions of the Church. It was characteristic of him that he did not want his benefactions made known to the public, and much that he did was known only to himself and those whom he helped, and perhaps a few confidential friends of the recipients of his kindness. In this way the writer has come upon the knowledge of some noble deeds of which the world was entirely ignorant. His works live after him in gifts which he made to Central College, to the cause of Missions, to the Memorial Home for the Aged in this city, and the Church of which he was a member for more than fifty years. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, assisted by Rev. C. I. VanDeventer, who had known him intimately for more than a half a century, and who read a beautiful and affecting tribute to his memory, during the service. His aged widow and one daughter and two sons survive him, holding his life and character in holy and reverent memory, and hoping to meet him again after the earthly end. He invested $20,000 at one time in Central College, Fayette, Missouri.

MR. THEODORE BROWN HOAGLAND.

There is inspiration in a noble example of generosity, no less than
In a great thinker or leader among men.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev C. I. VanDeventer.



Mr. Theodore B. Hoagland, son of George T. Hoagland and Nannie Gale Hoagland, was born at Booneville, Missouri, October 6th, 1845, and in 1852 came with the family to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he has continued to reside. His parents at the time of his birth were members of the Presbyterian Church, but soon afterwards united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In 1878 he undertook the management of his father's business, which was making loans on real estate security, continuing in that capacity and as vice president of the Hoagland Loan and Investment Company, until his father's death, October 30th, 1903, and now is president of said company. The writer of this sketch has known Theodore from his boyhood. As a young man he began life with apparent robust health and flattering prospects for the future, but early in life he became the victim of rheumatic affection, and though employing all available methods of relief, the malady was not removed, but rather increased, till, for a number of years he has not been able to lie down or rise up or enter or leave his carriage without assistance, the latter being a privilege he could enjoy only in pleasant weather; yet he has been all these years one of the most active business men in the community, in his line. Blessed with strong, clear and well advanced mental faculties, he has kept well posted with the current interests of Church and State and the literature of the day. A wise counselor and sympathizing and helpful friend to the needy. His Christian character has been one of beautiful development. For thirty years he has not crossed the threshhold of the Church of God. Many of these years having no access to any religious service outside of his home. Since the advent of the telephone he has had connection with the Francis Street pulpit, which has been a special comfort. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, April 29th, 1881, under the pastorate of Rev. Enoch K. Miller, D.D. As to when he was converted, he says: "I can hardly tell when. The seed sown in my boyhood days in the home and in the school, and under the preaching of God's ministers, gradually grew and bore fruit. I have a deep love for the word of God, which, combined with the reading of good, religious books, has increased and strengthened a desire ever to grow better and to be a benefit to my fellowman." His pastor has lately requested different laymen to address the congregation upon themes in the spiritual interests of the Church, and suggested to Brother Hoagland that he send a letter to the Church, as he could not be present in person. He did so, and what a letter! He served as chairman of the Building Committee of the recently erected Francis Street Church, giving much time and valuable service thereto. The meetings of the Board were generally held in his office. He feels not only great interest in the material prosperity of this Church, but prays that through its agencies multitudes of lost sinners, from all the walks of life, may be saved from sin here, and with everlasting life in the world to come.

REV. SANFORD PRESTON CRESAP.

Nearness to the risen Lord shows itself in the radiant energy of Quenchless love of God and man.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev. Charles C. Grimes.



Rev. Sanford P. Cresap was born April 26, 1869, in St. Charles County, six miles from St. Charles, Missouri. His father, William S. Cresap, was a native of Maryland, while his mother, whose maiden name was White, was from Virginia.

Brother Cresap was converted on February 20th, 1884, during a revival in the old Fifth Street Methodist Church at St. Charles under the ministry of Rev. M. L. Gray. Conviction of sin came under the preaching of a sermon by Brother Gray from the text: "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting," and after a four days' struggle he made an unconditional surrender to God, and was received into the church March 2, 1884. At the time of his conversion he felt called to preach the gospel and all subsequent events have been shaped by this most important crisis in his life. "Since that time," he writes, "I have studied constantly, but not always with equal concentration and purpose, to know more of God. I think I have grown in grace and in love to God and man."

Brother Cresap received his early education in the public schools and St. Charles College. Later he attended Central College, graduating from three schools there and during the winter of 1901 he was a student in the American School of Classic Studies, Rome, Italy.

He was licensed to preach by the St. Charles Quarterly Conference April 11, 1887, Rev. J. A. Snarr being the preacher in charge, and Rev. J. S. Allen the Presiding Elder. In the summer of 1892 the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial and he was admitted at the session which met at Montgomery City the following September, Bishop Galloway presiding. During the same session he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway, and he was ordained Elder by the same bishop at Hannibal, in 1896.

On December 27, 1894, Brother Cresap was married to Miss Sarah Martha Payne, a daughter of Rev. Moses U. Payne.

Brother Cresap has had gratifying success in the work of the ministry. His Conference has called him to important stations, and in 1906 sent him as a delegate to the General Conference at Birmingham, Alabama. In addition to the year (1901) spent abroad in study and travel he has served the following appointments in the order named: Gooding and Spruce street, St. Joseph; Maryville; Moberly; Columbia; and Francis Street, St. Joseph. During his pastorate at Columbia a stone church was built costing $33,600.00, and under his direction the new Francis Street Church in St. Joseph was completed and paid for. As a student who has derived the greatest inspiration for his life from studies in the life of Christ, and he is an enthusiastic advocate of Christian education and his words on this subject sum up the duty of Missouri Methodists:

"We must stand by our Central College in order that our Missouri Methodism, in the ministry and laity, may be intelligent, religious and effective."



This is our greatest church in Northwest Missouri. It was projected under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. C. M. Bishop and completed by Rev. S. P. Cresap. The building cost about $85,000.00, and the church was dedicated by Bishop Hendrix.

JOHN WESLEY.

THE POWER OF A GREAT PERSONALITY.

By Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

Carlyle uttered at once a great truth and stinging rebuke when he said: "No sadder proof can be given of our littleness than disbelief in great men." Our own ability to inspire others is measured by our ability to be inspired by others. Contact with nobler natures arouses the feeling of unused power and quickens the consciousness of responsibility. Where there is no such sense of unused power aroused by contact with noble and great natures, there is evidence of a mental and spiritual saturation point having been reached which tells of hopeless limitation. When a great nature cannot inspire, nothing can. God speaks to men in men, now in the prophets and now in his Son. Those who will not believe Moses and the prophets will not be persuaded though one rose from the dead. Ghosts cannot do what saints fail to do. Unless there be genuine love of the truth, there will never be genuine obedience of the truth. Fear is the law of life of devils, who see nothing good in God or man. Love of the good both in God and man sways both saints and angels. Satan sneers, "Does Job serve God for naught?" while the good God challenges the world to consider a perfect and an upright man whose name is a familiar one in the court of heaven. The whole question of whether there be great and good men involves the question, Who can show us any good? and as to whether there can be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, a fitting abode for such noble souls. A commonplace world is good enough for men without pride in a noble ancestry or hope of a worthy posterity. Men must receive power to become the sons of God. They receive power as they exercise faith in the highest. Christ, who taught faith in God, ever taught faith in men. "He that heareth you heareth me; and he that rejecteth you rejecteth me; and he that rejecteth me rejecteth Him that sent me." Whenever God sends his messenger into the world, happy are they who are prepared to know and welcome him.

The education of the race is due to the domination of the superior mind; and, as Emerson suggests, "Nor will the Bible be closed until the last great man is born." History at best is biography. Great men whose biographies make up the history of the world are not so numerous as to require more than one Hall of Fame for every nation. The choicest spirits are those whose names appear in the hearts of all men and of every people. They are kindred spirits who are our contemporaries, despite the centuries since they ceased to talk with men. Death has fastened rather than loosened the grasp of these mighty spirits who rule us from their urns. The longer the world lasts, the more it is ruled by its mighty dead. Longfellow ever wrought under the eye and guidance of Dante. Tennyson dies with a copy of Shakespeare in his hand. Angelo and Raphael have more pupils today than when the one swung the Pantheon in air as the dome of St. Peter's and the other was followed to his grave by the throng of artists who bore his "Transfiguration" in the funeral train as his most daring conception and greatest achievement. Homer is greater today than when his immortal epics were known only in Greece. Hamilton and Jefferson have more followers today than when they taught their political philosophy from their places as trusted advisers of Washington. John Marshall is mightier in our jurisprudence as the great Chief Justice than when his lucid and able constructions of the constitution began to give stability to our government. Paul, Luther, Wesley are greater than when their epistles or theses or journals were first given to the world. It is not only a larger world that they now influence (its population having doubled since Wesley began his public career), but its facilities of communication have so multiplied that knowledge is now shared by the many. During the entire century that gave us John Wesley and John Howard, each in his way alike an evangelist and philanthropist, the facilities of travel were no better than they were in the days of Abraham. The world of our day lays the world of every other day under contribution, and hails as its teachers and heroes the mighty of all ages. The improvableness of the race is the greater through the inspiration which comes from the growing numbers of the mighty dead.

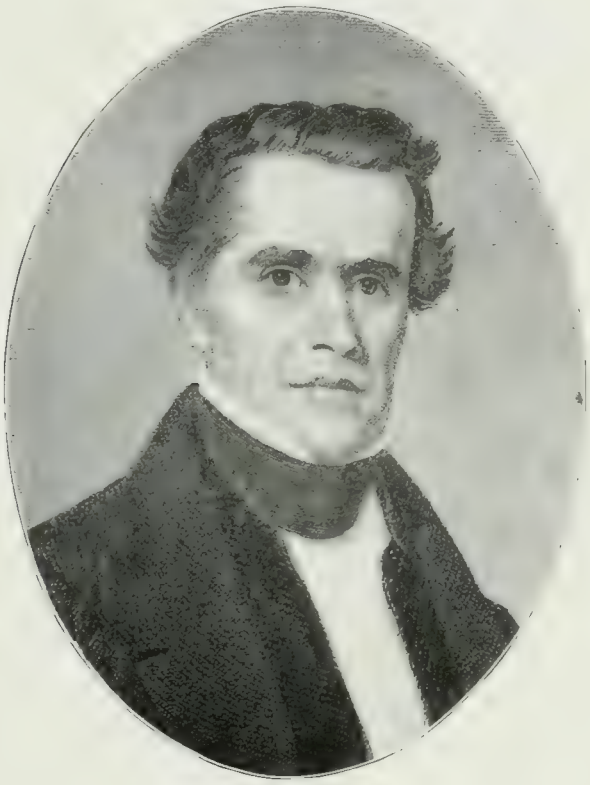
MRS. LUCY WADE MILLER.

As the flower has its debt to soil and sun, so soul has its Debt to God.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*



Her maiden name was Lucy Wade Farmer, and her parents were James A. Farmer and Rebecca J. Farmer (nee) Nowlin. They emigrated from the State of Virginia to Missouri, stopped in Ray County for two or three years, and then came to St. Joseph when the town was in its infancy. They were Missionary Baptists, her Grandfather Nowlin being a Baptist preacher. Her father died while on a visit to his sister, and was buried near Richmond, Ray County, Missouri. Several years later her mother died, and Mount Mora, the beautiful city of the dead in St. Joseph, contains all that was mortal of her. Mrs. Miller is the youngest of four daughters, all born in Virginia, except herself, her birthplace being near Richmond, Missouri. She was converted when eleven years of age under the ministry of Rev. C. I. VanDeventer, and joined the Methodist Church while he was pastor of the old Francis Street Church which stood on the corner of Third and Francis Streets, St. Joseph. She was assigned to the Wednesday afternoon class, and although she was attending school at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Mrs. Miller was such a thorough Methodist, loved its teachings and practices so well, she would ask to be excused every Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock to attend her class; and how she did enjoy those meetings, for the Holy Spirit was truly with them. She can truly say with David of old: "The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped, therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him." On the 21st day of December, 1864, she was united in marriage to Mr. Daniel C. Miller of Tennessee. God gave them three children, two boys and one girl. The death angel claimed her precious girl baby when two years old. Her two sons, Eugene Wade Miller, and Perry Clarence Miller, are of great comfort to her as she grows older. They are true Methodists, greatly interested in the advancement of the church, and are known as the Miller Brothers of Agency, Missouri. Her husband died May 12th, 1894, at Excelsior Springs. They had gone there hoping the change would prove beneficial to his health, but, alas, not so. The dear Lord said to him: "It is enough, come up higher." He was a devout Christian, a loving husband and father. Oh, how she misses his companionship and wise counsel. But these broken family links only serve to make Heaven nearer and dearer to her.

It is something sweet to think of, in this world of care,
Though dear friends have left us, their bright spirits are
Something sweet to think of. Hark! the angels say,
Call them not back again; they are with you every day."



REV. W. W. REDMAN.

Life's a debtor to the grave; dark lattice! Letting in eternal Day.—*Young.*

By Rev. C. I. VanDeventer.

Rev. W. W. Redman was born in what is now Clark County, Indiana, December 14th, 1799. He was converted at a camp-meeting in Jefferson County, Kentucky, and united with the church September 12th, 1817. He was licensed to exhort December 17th, 1819, and licensed to preach June 10th, 1820, and received on trial in the Missouri Conference September 14th, 1820. He was elected secretary of his Conference fourteen times. He was thirteen years Presiding Elder, and three times elected a delegate to the General Conference, including the memorable session of 1844. He was a good preacher, studious and devout, and a kind and faithful Presiding Elder and pastor, and combined in a large degree the vigor and attractiveness of youth with the maturity of advancing years. He died at Danville, Missouri, October 31st, 1849, in the fiftieth year of his age. The end came suddenly, of heart failure, but found him ready. He was very generally and favorably known as an itinerant minister of the gospel in Missouri for more than twenty-nine years. Having possessed naturally a strong constitution and enjoyed generaly, very good health, his labors were very extensive, and greatly blessed, in turning many from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, and in building up the Church of Christ. During his illness he spoke frequently of his religious conditions and his hopes—that they were comfortable; that he was not afraid to die; that he knew in whom he trusted. His end was peaceful. "He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

MR. JAMES KAY.

The Holy Spirit's greatest book is a Life.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev. C. I. VanDeventer.

James Kay, son of James and Sarah Waganal Kay, was born at Culpepper Court House, Virginia, November 1st, 1816. Later he moved with the family to the State of Tennessee. He was married at Dover, Tennessee, March 3d, 1836, to Miss Eliza Bailey, who survives him. Two sons, Ruel en and Henry, were born to them, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Kay was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1838, and at its organization became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He moved with his family to Saint Joseph, Missouri, A. D., 1851, and died November 11th, 1893, in Saint Joseph, Missouri, having given to the Church of his choice forty-three years of unusually faithful and fruitful service. The writer of this brief sketch became his pastor in 1852 and in that and other capacities was intimate with him to the day of his lamented death. He was first a general merchant, and later a wholesale dry goods merchant, in which business he continued until retiring from active business. Energetic, enterprising and prosperous, he was the soul of honor and integrity in secular life, in the Church he abounded in labors; class leader, chorister before the days of pipe organs and choirs, steward, trustee and general secretary, a worker in all the departments of the Sunday School and an especially happy and successful solicitor as well as contributor for financial aid in the interests of the Church he so dearly loved. He watchfully guarded the House of the Lord and the parsonage and looked after the interests of the pastor's family with constant and loving care. He was upright and faithful in his Christian life, and ever-zealous for the purity and success of the Church. He was present and participating in all the services of the sanctuary till "age and feebleness extreme" prevented. Quick in his movement with character in his walk, prompt, always on time and wanting others to be so. Like Zaccheus he was small in stature but big in brain and heart. This old, historic church (Francis Street), first and last, has numbered many good men and women of precious memory, whose names are in the Book of Life; but there has been only one James Kay. He "went up through much tribulation" and "rests from his labors while his works do follow him."

One of his sons, Rev. Henry Kay, was one of the best men of the Missouri Conference. He was abundant in labors, and he had a host of friends wherever he served as pastor.



REV. JOHN CALHOUN CALDWELL DAVIS.

Oh, that we might, in our moments of gladness, imitate the Blessed in Heaven who, amid their greatest joys, ever associate Their happiness with the death of Christ.—*Dr. F. B. Meyer.*

Rev. John Calhoun Caldwell Davis was born, March 24th, 1832, in Lewis County, Kentucky. He is a son of Ishmael Davis and Nancy McDonald Davis, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted February 21st, 1850, at Mount Moriah Church, Buchanan County, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. M. R. Jones. He was licensed to preach in 1852, and was admitted into the Missouri Conference in 1853. He was ordained Deacon, September 30th, 1855, at Richmond, Missouri, by Bishop John Early; he was ordained Elder by Bishop Robert Paine, September 18th, 1859, at St. Joseph, Missouri. Between the years 1853 and 1875, the year of his death, he served the following appointments: Liberty, Platte City, St. Joseph, Weston, Yellow Creek, Kirksville, Richmond, New Market, Rushville, New Market, Plattsburg. In 1874 he took a supernumerary relation in connection with the Francis Street Church at St. Joseph, Missouri. His ministry was fruitful and many were added to the church. Davis Chapel, in Platte County, Missouri, was built during the time he was in charge of that work; also the church at Rushville, Missouri. His education was received at the public schools of Rock House Prairie and St. Joseph, Missouri. He married Miss Mary G. Clay March 26th, 1855, and the names of their children are as follows: William Bascom Davis, Frank Claude Davis, Edna Ann Davis, now Mrs. Albert M. Ray, Robert Lee Davis, Frances Byrd Davis, now the wife of Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., Marvin Middleton Davis, and Mary Alice Davis.

DANIEL MORTON, M. D.

Let your Culture be as the generous sunlight and the fertilizing Showers, falling like the Divine love upon the just and the Unjust.—*Bishop Candler.*

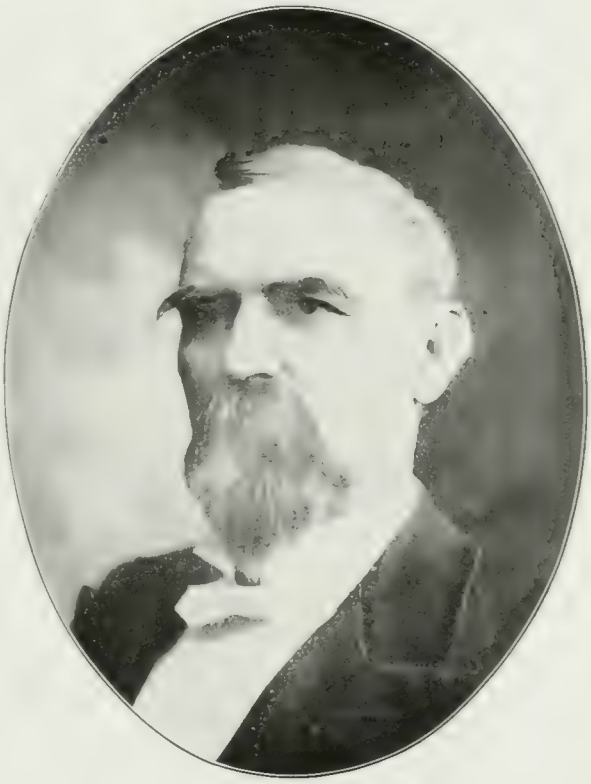


Dr. Daniel Morton, one of the prominent surgeons of St. Joseph, and widely known as an able speaker and writer on surgical and historical subjects, was born November 25th, 1864, at Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky, in the Logan Female Academy, of which his father was at that time president. He is the son of Rev. David Morton, D .D., and Hannah Wilson (Bottomley) Morton, his father being the founder of the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His ancestors were among the pioneers of America, settling in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania prior to the Revolution. Until 1878 Dr. Morton was a student at Bethel College, Russellville, Kentucky. After the removal of the family to Louisville, Kentucky, in 1879, Dr. Morton entered the High School of that city, remaining until 1882. He was graduated from the University of Louisville, Medical Department, in 1887. The entire winter of 1887-1888 was spent in attendance on lectures at Columbia College, New York City. Surgery has always been his specialty, and he has built up a reputation in this branch of medicine extending not only through the territory contiguous to St. Joseph, but over the neighboring states from which he draws a very extensive practice. He was appointed assistant surgeon of the St. Joseph and Grand Island Railway by Dr. E. S. Garner. On August 1st, 1898, he was appointed Chief Surgeon of the St. Joseph and Grand Island Railway, and of the Kansas City and Omaha Railway, and served as such until January 1st, 1904. The succeeding years continued to be filled with duties of a public character, while a surgical practice absorbed his time and energies far beyond that of ordinary practitioners. His contributions to the Medical press have been numerous and along the lines of medical education and surgery. Aside from these he has also written a biography of his father, Dr. David Morton, and a history of the Morton family, entitled, "The Mortons and their Kin," as well as a history of the Ladies' Union Benevolent Association for the first twenty-five years of its existence. Dr. Morton was married on March 8th, 1894, to Miss Fannie E. Johnson. Dr. Morton has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, since the age of twelve years. He is President of the St. Joseph City Church Extension Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This Board is doing much for the forward movement of Methodism in St. Joseph. Dr. Morton's family has held membership at Hundley Church since 1898; his children representing the fifth generation in a direct line of Methodists. In addition to the various responsibilities associated with so many offices, Dr. Morton has always been ready to perform the duties of a good citizen, taking an active interest in all that concerns the welfare of St. Joseph.

REV. M. B. CHAPMAN, D. D.

The world is thy field, make it a garden, strew flowers in the Wilderness, and plant the Rose of Sharon in the Desert.—*Dr. Wm. E. Munsey.*

By Rev. C. I. VanDeventer.



Rev. Mark Boatner Chapman, son of William W. Chapman and Saluda C. Chapman, was born October 22nd, 1846, at Clinton, Louisiana. He was converted when twelve years old and licensed to preach when fourteen, and was known throughout the South as the "boy preacher." At the age of sixteen he entered the Confederate army and was a Chaplain during the war. After the war he attended the Southern University at Greensborough, Alabama. He was admitted on trial in the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1867, and transferred to the Missouri Conference in the fall of 1868, and appointed to South St. Joseph. On the 13th day of May, 1869, he was married to Miss Maggie F. Harries of St. Joseph. In the fall of 1869 he was stationed at Columbia; in 1870, appointed to the Chillicothe Station, remaining two years; in 1872, appointed to the Fulton Station. His health failing, at the following Conference, in 1873, he received a supernumerary relation in connection with the Francis Street Station, St. Joseph, which relation was continued from year to year, to 1881, when he was appointed to the Weston and Platte City charge. In 1832, to the Plattsburg Station; in 1883 and 1884 he was Presiding Elder on the Plattsburg District; appointed to the Columbia Station in 1885, and was a delegate to the General Conference of 1886. In the fall of 1886, he started on his trip around the world, being absent eleven months. In 1887, he was stationed at Hannibal and returned to the Station in 1888; was re-appointed in 1889, and early in the Conference year, was transferred to the Little Rock Conference and appointed to the First Church, Little Rock, where he remained two years. The next four years he was Editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate. Then he was transferred to the Baltimore Conference and appointed to the Trinity Church, remaining three years; was then transferred to the Louisville Conference and stationed at the Walnut Street Church, remaining three years; from there he was transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference and stationed at Troost Avenue Church, Kansas City, Missouri, remaining two years, when, on account of failing health, he was transferred to the Los Angeles Conference and stationed at Trinity Church, Los Angeles, remaining one year. From there he was transferred to the St. Louis Conference and stationed at Fredericktown. The next two years he was Presiding Elder on the Charleston District. In the fall of 1905 he received a superannuated relation to the St. Louis Conference, and during the following year supplied the Hollester Station in the Pacific Conference, and in 1906 returned to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he now resides. In 1889, he published his "Lands of the Orient," and later his book on Archaeology, "Mounds, Monuments and Inscriptions." The degree of D. D. was conferred on him by the St. Charles College and also by the Greensborough University, Alabama, about 1888.



REV. C. C. SELECMAN.

REV. CHARLES CLAUDE SELECMAN.

Nothing more contributes to maintain our common sense than Living in the universal way with multitudes of men.—*Goethe.*

Rev. Charles Claude Selecman was born October 13th, 1874, in Andrew County, Missouri, near Savannah; he is a son of I. H. Selecman and Josephine E. Selecman, both staunch members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. As far back as he can trace them, his ancestors have all been Methodists. He was converted in 1886, at Bedford Chapel, in Savannah Circuit, under the ministry of Rev. D. F. Bone, and joined the church at that time. While kneeling at the mourner's bench praying the only prayer he knew, "Lord be merciful to me, a sinner," and during the singing of that grand old hymn, "I will arise and go to Jesus," the light came into his soul and he was very clearly converted. During a subsequent revival, some five years later, he surrendered to a call to preach, which he had dimly felt since early childhood. His college days were spiritually helpful, and godly teachers were a great blessing to him, especially Prof. J. W. Kilpatrick, who took quite an interest in him and manifested his kindness in many ways. He was licensed to preach by the Fayette Quarterly Conference, in 1891; Rev. W. A. Hanna, preacher in charge, and Dr. E. K. Miller, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Gallatin District Conference, in 1898; Rev. J. H. Pritchett, D. D., Presiding Elder, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial at Memphis, Missouri, in 1898; Bishop W. A. Candler, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Granbery at Fulton, Missouri, in 1900; ordained Elder by Bishop Wilson at Chillicothe, Missouri, in 1902. During his college days he served as supply for five months at each of the following places: Maryville Circuit, Union Star Circuit, and Jamesport Station. Appointments filled are as follows: Pattonsburg Station; Centenary Church, St. Joseph, Missouri; Bernard Circuit; Olive Street Church, St. Joseph, Missouri; Mexico Station; Conference Missionary Evangelist, being the first in the church to be appointed to this new office. About seven hundred persons have been received into the church during his ministry. He secured subscriptions to remodel Barnard parsonage, and raised quite a large sum, $4,000.00, to make extensive improvements on Olive Street Church, St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his education at the Savannah High School, and Central College, where he completed the Junior year, and represented Missouri in the Interstate Oratorical contest. He was married to Miss Bessie K. Beckner, April 27th, 1899, and they have two children, Francis Asbury Selecman and Sarah Josephine Selecman. From June, 1906, to September, 1906, he visited England, Scotland, France, Germany and Italy.

REV. STANLEY WILLIS HAYNE, A. B.

There is a mold already prepared in which our new life is to be Cast, a holy example of perfect humanity to which we are to be Conformed.—*Bishop Hendrix.*



Rev. Stanley Willis Hayne was born October 11th, 1877, in Niagara County, New York. He is a son of D. Frank Hayne and S. Della Hayne, both of whom were members of the Presbyterian Church, until after he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They are now members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Melrose Church, Kansas City, Missouri. He was converted at Melrose Church, Kansas City, in 1894, under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Howell, and in a meeting conducted by Rev. C. M. Hawkins. He joined the church the same month, March, in which he was converted. He was impressed by the ministry of the word, and the personal influence of his Sunday School teacher and A. S. Rankin, both of whom were active members of the church and friends. He gave his heart to God and felt a clear assurance of faith and acceptance with Him. He feels that he has grown in grace since 1897, from which time he has tried to be faithful. He was licensed to preach at the regular session of the District Conference of the Kansas City District in June 1898; Rev. C. M. Bishop, pastor, and Rev. W. T. McClure, Presiding Elder; he was recommended to the Annual Conference by the District Conference of the Atchison District of the Western Conference held at Potter, Kansas, in May, 1899; he was admitted to the Southwest Missouri Conference, on trial, in September, 1899, at Neosho, Missouri; Rev. C. H. Briggs, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Granbery, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson at Chillicothe, Missouri, in September, 1902; ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix at Columbia, Missouri, in 1894. He has served the following appointments: Centenary Church, St. Joseph, Missouri, one year; Spruce Street Church, St. Joseph, two years; Savannah Station, three years. One hundred and eighty persons have been received into the church under his ministry. He attended the Kansas City High School and Central College, Fayette, Missouri, from which he graduated in 1901. He was married to Miss Jessie Pearl Davis September 7th, 1904.

REV. WALTER GILWELL BORCHERS, A. M.

How I would love to rise at the last day in the midst of a Multitude of heathen converts!—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. Walter Gilwell Borchers was born September 27th, 1876, on a farm near Moberly, Missouri. His parents, B. F. Borchers and Susan M. Borchers, are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Pleasant View Church, four miles East of Cairo, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. E. M. Capp, in August, 1893. He was baptized and received into the church at Moberly, Missouri, in August, 1894, by Dr. J. H. Pritchett. His conversion followed a long struggle with self and the devil. He says that he knew but little of the things of God when he started, but there has been so decided an improvement in his knowledge of His word and will and his love for Him and those for whom He died, that he dare not try to tell about it lest he exaggerate it. Loving God and man has now become the business and joy of his life. He was licensed to preach by the Mexico District Conference, March 28th, 1896; Rev. Robert White, preacher in charge, and Rev. E. K. Miller, D. D., Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the St. Joseph Conference in April, 1903, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial that same year; Rev. J. A. Mumpower, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Charles B. Galloway, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Granbery, September 16th, 1900, at Fulton, Missouri. Most of his appointments have been served as supply while working his way through school. He served Keytesville Circuit, three months, during vacation; Cairo Circuit, three months and one year following; Elmo Circuit, one year; Centenary Church, St. Joseph, Missouri, three months, during vacation; Hyde Park Church, St. Joseph, two years, with the exception of three months off the last of the second year, when he went to Brazil as a Missionary. He has received about one hundred persons into the church. The church at Elmo, Missouri, was built under his pastorate and the enterprise of building a new church at Hyde Park, St. Joseph, launched before he started to Brazil. He attended Moberly High School, Central Academy, and Central College, Fayette, Missouri. Some books which have been beneficial to him are "Moody's Sermons," "Quiet Talks on Power and Prayer," "Missionary Principles and Practice," "The Making of a Man," "Paul Crandall's Charge," "Drummond's Addresses," "How to Bring Men to Christ," "Soul Winning Stories," and the "Gospel of Life." Brother Borchers thinks that without well equipped Christian Colleges to train both the laymen and the clergy, the church of the present and the future would find herself unable to grapple with the rapidly growing problems; her affairs would not be wisely directed, her ministry would not command the respect of the thinking public, and in the chief positions of the business world, where brains are at a premium, she would be without qualified representatives to prove the practical benefits of having the principles of Christianity incorporated in a life.

REV. JOHN HOLLAND.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the Firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the Stars forever and ever.—*Daniel.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A. M.



Rev. John Holland, the son of William and Margaret Holland, was born near Hannibal, Missouri, December 15th, 1857. His parents were pious Methodists and their precept and example served to start their son in the right direction. When a lad of fifteen years during a series of meetings in Park Church, conducted by Rev. J. H. Pritchett, D. D., he was brought under powerful conviction for sin, and through the suggestion of his mother was induced to go to the altar and seek pardon. After a hard struggle the light came, and sweet peace filled his soul. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Arch Street Church, Hannibal, August, 1875, and recommended to the Missouri Annual Conference for admission on trial August, 1876. In the following September the Conference admitted him. Bishop D. S. Doggett ordained him Deacon the 15th of September, 1878, and he was ordained Elder by Bishop George F. Pierce the 18th of September, 1881. The High School and College of Hannibal together with private tutorship, constitute his educational advantages. His wife's maiden name was Miss Emma Fowler. They were married September 18th, 1878. She is a consecrated and efficient woman, and many souls have been pointed to the light by her words of instruction. C. F., Minetta, Paul Kendol, and John Hort are their children. "Barns Notes on the New Testament," "Tongue of Fire," "Life and Times of Jesus" (by Edersheim), "Parables of our Lord" (by Marcus Dods), "The Story of John G. Paton," "The Mind of the Master," "Life and Epistles of the Apostle Paul," he has studied with much profit. It may be truly said of Rev. John Holland, "He is mighty in prayer." God has used him in the conversion of hundreds of souls. Two churches have been built under his direction, a number of churches and parsonages have been repaired,—one church on his last work at a cost of $2,100.00. His call to the ministry was made a subject of prayer, on his knees, under an apple tree in his father's orchard. No doubt as to his divine call has ever troubled him. His fields of labor have been Kirksville Circuit, one year; Kahoka Mission, one; Troy Circuit, one; Frankford Circuit, two; Jonesburg Circuit, three; New Florence Circuit, three; Ashley, one; Prairieville, one; Clarksville, two; Clarence, two; Sturgeon, one; Fayette, two; Armstrong, three; Keytesville, one; Clifton Hill, three; Clark and Cooper charge, three; Agency, 1907. The Christian College is, to his mind, indispensible to both church and state.



REV. BRITTON PAYNE TAYLOR, A. M.

The way to God is by the road of men;
Find they far Heaven in near humanity.—*Arnold.*

Rev. Britton Payne Taylor was born at Reform, Calloway County, Missouri, June 1st, 1871; his father, Robert H. Taylor, and mother, Mary E. Taylor, both belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted, November 26th, 1888, at Reform, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. Willis G. Shackleford. All his life he was disposed to think of the religious life seriously, and in a meeting at Reform in 1887, under the preaching of Rev. Willis G. Shackleford, he was convicted of sin, but would not yield until in 1888, in a similar meeting, he was saved; he was converted while sitting at home on Sunday afternoon. He has grown in grace by doing active work as Sunday School teacher and also in the League work, and since he consecrated his life to the ministry, has found his deepest joy and greatest growth in the study of the life of Christ. He was licensed to preach by the Mexico District Conference at Centralia, Missouri, in April, 1900; Rev. Rice H. Cooper, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the same Quarterly Conference at the same time, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1900, at Fulton, Missouri; Rev. R. H. Cooper, Presiding Elder, and Bishop J. C. Granbery, presiding; was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, October 15th, 1906, at the New Francis Street Church, St. Joseph, Missouri. The appointments which he has served are the following: For the Fourth Quarter, (June, July and August), 1901-1902, at Lawson Station; 1902-1903, at Lawson Station; 1903-1904, Hundley Station, St. Joseph, Missouri; 1904-1905, Hundley Station, St. Joseph, Missouri; 1905-1906, Hundley Station, St. Joseph, Missouri; 1906-1907, Hundley Station, St. Joseph, Missouri. He has received one hundred and ninety-six persons into the church, and the subscription for the parsonage at Lawson, Missouri, was secured during his pastorate there. He attended the public schools, graduated from the Kirksville Normal School in 1899, attended Missouri University in summer of 1900, and graduated from Central College in 1902. He was married to Miss Carrie E. Turner, June 25th, 1902, and they have two children, Iris Sylvia and Mary Caroline. He thinks his conversion has been the most important crisis in his life. Some of the books which have helped him most are "The Life of Jas. A. Garfield," Poems of Longfellow, Bryant and Wordsworth, "The Son of Man," and "Theology of the New Testament." He recommends very strongly the Christian College as the one true source from which the church and state must draw real manhood for the promotion of the Kingdom of God on earth.

REV. JAMES TODD McDONALD.

Have ye never read out of the mouths of babes and sucklings Thou has perfected praise.—*Matthew xxi*, 16.



Joseph Todd, son of Absalom and Martha C. McDonald, was born June 23rd, 1853, in Ray County, Missouri. His parents were Methodists. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in a grove near Lawson in 1868. His conversion was clear and bright.

When nineteen years old he met with an accident and was unable to walk for six months. He reviewed his studies and secured a certificate, and began teaching school and continued until 1876. In 1875, was licensed to exhort by the Quarterly Conference of Liberty Circuit, W. C. Campbell, pastor in charge, at Kearney, Missouri. In August, 1875, was given Local Preacher license by the Quarterly Conference of Polo Circuit at Cottonwood Church, T. H. Swearingen, pastor in charge. He possessed gifts as a revivalist from the beginning. In 1876, he conducted a meeting near Knoxville and forty persons were converted. The same year he was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Polo Circuit for admission into the Missouri Conference and was received at Hannibal; W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire, presiding. Was ordained Deacon at Richmond, September 12th, 1880, by Bishop J. C. Keener; and Elder at Plattsburg September 17th, 1882, by Bishop J. C. Granbery. Served at Rothville, Queen City, Gentryville, Troy, Prairieville, Kahoka, Maysville, Breckenridge, Jamesport, Lineville and Ravenwood. In 1893, desiring to travel as an evangelist, he took a location and held a number of successful meetings with many conversions.

In 1894, he was readmitted and served Briscoe, New Florence, Vandalia, Bowling Green. During these years about fifteen hundred souls were converted and twelve hundred and forty-one joined the church. Also five churches were built and several churches and parsonages repaired.

Having lost the reading vision of one eye, in 1900, at Fulton, he took a supernumerary relation and was appointed Superintendent of the St. Joseph District by the State Superintendent of the Children's Home Society of Missouri. He has held this position for seven years. In 1906, he was left on the effective list and appointed Superintendent of the St. Joseph District for "The Children's Home Society of Missouri" by Bishop J. S. Key. In this work he has been preeminently successful, having provided homes for nearly four hundred children and securing an endowment of $2,100.00 for the society. His district now ranks as the best in the state. He has many friends, especially among the children.

He was married to Miss Ida B. Henton, May 25th, 1881. He has two lovely daughters living, Laura Munsey and MaDonna. Laura graduated in the St. Joseph High School June 6th, 1907. She is quite a musician, having been employed as pipe organist of the Hundley Methodist Church for nearly three years. MaDonna is fifteen years of age and is in the High School. She is a great favorite among the young people and is a good worker in the Sunday School and church. His wife is the President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Hundley Church and a member of the Board of the Young Women's Christian Association of St. Joseph, Missouri.

REV. CHARLES WILLIAM TADLOCK, A. M.

Christianity is Life; it grows, dominates, and takes possession
Of a soul like the owner of a Palace.—*Dr William A. Quayle.*



Rev. Charles William Tadlock was born in Buchanan County, Missouri, February 11th, 1874. He is a son of Birkhead Tadlock and Martha Tadlock, both parents being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1893, under the ministry of Rev. W. J. Parvin, at Mt. Moriah Church, on Edgerton Circuit, and joined the church the same year and at the same place. His conversion was in the old fashioned way. He was deeply convicted for several days during a revival meeting, but never manifested any interest until the night of his conversion. Then he made a complete surrender of himself to God, and God wonderfully blessed him. He has never doubted his experience at that time. Since his conversion he has grown in grace as he has come to a better understanding of the Bible. Every new truth has added strength and inspiration to his life, and as he has seen the transforming power of the Word on other lives, his faith in its power grows stronger. He has always had a deeper hunger for truth, and God is graciously satisfying that hunger by His word. He was licensed to preach, April 12th, 1895, by the Plattsburg District Conference; Rev. R. H. Cooper, Presiding Elder, and Rev. W. J. Parvin, preacher in charge. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the St. Joseph District Conference, and was received into the Annual Conference in 1899; Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop Granbery presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Candler at St. Joseph, Missouri, September 8th, 1901; was ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 4th, 1904. He has served the following appointments: Warrenton Circuit, two years; Vandalia Circuit, one year; Olive Street, St. Joseph, his present pastorate, 1904-1907. He has received about two hundred persons into the church. He attended the public schools and graduated from Central College, in 1901. He was married to Miss Cora Elizabeth Karns, October 7th, 1903, and one little boy was born to them, who has since died, Reginald K. Tadlock. He thinks the most important crisis in his life was when he felt the call to the ministry. He had planned another course, and it was only after a conflict that he surrendered and entered the ministry.

REV. MARION MOORE.

Non solo pane vivet homo, sed ex quovis verbo prodeunte per Os Dei.—Jesus.
Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that Proceedeth out of the mouth of God.



Rev. Marion Moore, son of Wesley T. Moore and Ledotia Moore, was born near Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; they were old fashioned Christians, always held family prayer in the evening and occasionally getting happy and shouting. He was converted when only six or seven years old. He is very certain that the witness of the Spirit was given him at that time. His conversion was due to the gracious influences that surrounded him at that age. His father's house was at that time the preaching place. For some years after his conversion he was a backslider, but was reclaimed when about eighteen years old through the agencies of the Sunday School, the Bible and his uncle, David Moore. He united with the church soon after he was reclaimed and very soon thereafter was put to work as Sunday School Superintendent and class leader. He was licensed to preach in the spring of 1883 by Quarterly Conference of Blaine Circuit, Catlettsburg District, Western Virginia Conference; Rev. C. Dean was preacher in charge and Rev. S. F. McClung was Presiding Elder; was recommended for admission on trial into the Western Virginia Annual Conference in the fall of 1883, by the same Quarterly Conference and the same body of men; was received on trial in the Western Virginia Conference at Hutington, Virginia, in 1883; Rev. Fletcher Golden, Presiding Elder, and Bishop J. C. Granbery, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener at Ashland, Kentucky, October 17th, 1885; ordained Elder by Bishop Robert K. Hargrove September 6th, 1891, at Maryville, Missouri. Appointments served: Hawksnest Circuit, Western Virginia Conference, 1883-1885; Elmo Circuit as supply from April till September, 1889; Fairfax Circuit, 1889-1891; Savannah, 1891-1892; in 1892 transferred to the Indian Mission Conference, but finding that the Missouri Conference did not have enough preachers to supply the work, he had this transfer canceled, and at the ensuing Indian Mission Conference he was assigned to Ardmore, Indian Territory; he preached that year and the one following, 1892-1894, at Skidmore, Missouri; Mound City Circuit, 1894-1896; Wakenda Circuit, 1896-1898; Guilford Circuit, 1898-1899; New Hampton Circuit, 1899-1901; Edinburg Circuit, 1901-1902; Union Star Circuit, 1902-1904; Fairfax Circuit, 1904-1906; his present work is Barnard Circiut. About four hundred and fifty persons have been received into the church during his ministry. He has assisted very materially in buying and paying for several churches and parsonages. His education was received at the common schools in Lawrence County, Kentucky, also at a Baptist Institution in Johnson County Kentucky, and the Wesleyan College at Millersburg, Kentucky. He entered Vanderbilt University in 1885 as a Biblical student and completed the English Theological course in 1888. He was married to Miss Eva L. Bolen, May 23rd, 1893, and they have five children, viz: Eva L., Robert Paul, Helen D., Wesley Bolen and Marion Moore. Probably his reclamation from sin when eighteen years old has been the most important crisis in his life. He believes the Christian College is an absolute necessity for the permanence and success of both church and state.

REV. DAVID RICE SHACKLEFORD.

And only the heart which has sympathy with spiritual things
Can recognize their full meaning.—*Dr. Cunningham Geikie.*



David Rice, son of Willis Green and Louisa Henderson Shackelford, was born March 2, 1834, near Danville, Montgomery County, Missouri. His father, while being a man of exemplary character, was not a member of any church. His mother was a devout Methodist.

After making the most of the educational advantages offered by the public schools of his native county, a Grammar School and a brief stay in Howard High School, Brother Shackelford entered the training school of the early itinerant—"Brush College." That he made good use of his time is shown by the books that have been the companions of his ministry: "Watson's Institutes," "Smith's Harmony of the Divine Dispensations," "Geike's Works," "Smith's Sacred Annals," and "Clark's Commentary."

In June, 1851, Brother Shackelford attended a meeting held on the old Bethel Campground, near the line between Montgomery and Callaway Counties. Already interested in his religious welfare, he soon came under strong conviction of sin, gave his heart to God and united with the church; Rev. Jesse Sutton being the preacher in charge and Rev. George Smith the Presiding Elder. Speaking of this event and of his subsequent experience he says: "My conviction was very clear, and while my experience has not been of the ecstatic character, and I have felt myself growing in a knowledge of God, a stronger will to please God in all things, and a deeper love for my fellow men. My appreciation of Divine things grows more precious as my years advance."

A question which involved the great crisis of Brother Shackleford's life occurred in the settlement of his call to the ministry. Deciding to enter this work, he was licensed to preach and recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of the Danville Circuit in August, 1856; Rev. A. E. Sears, pastor in charge, and Rev. N. G. Berryman, Presiding Elder. He was admitted to the Conference the next month at the session which met in Louisiana, Missouri; Bishop Pierce presiding. He was ordained Deacon at Chillicothe in 1858 by Bishop Early, and ordained Elder at St. Charles in 1860 by Bishop Kavanaugh.

On November 13, 1860, Brother Shackleford was married to Miss Eleanor Mitchell. Four children were given to this union: Joseph Lee, Kate Elizabeth, Mary Louisa and David Robert.

During his long ministry he received into the church over a thousand members and assisted in the erection of a number of churches and parsonages throughout the Conference. In 1864 he was silenced from preaching for several months by the military authorities and he located for two years in 1879. In 1897, he superannuated, having served the following charges in the order given: Carrollton Circuit; Unionville Mission; Parkville; Weston; Savannah; Colony; St. Louis Circuit; Rocheport; Keytesville; Plattsburg; De Kalb; Platte City; Hydesburg; Shelbina; Clarence; Savannah; St. Joseph Circuit; Bloomington; Pleasant Grove; Albany Circuit; Rocheport; Ashland; Dewitt; Clifton Hill; Glasgow Circuit; Monroe City Circuit; Springhill; Rushville; Barnard; Mound City; Spruce Street, St. Joseph.



REV. ARAS BISHOP COX, M. D.
AT AGE OF 91.

The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him.
—*Ezra.*

Dr. Aras Bishop Cox was born in Floyd County, Virginia, the 25th day of January 1816, and died at the home of his son, Dr. C. B. W. Cox, near Brewster, Blaine County, Nebraska, on the 30th day of January, 1907, being ninety-one years and five days old, and had been a practicing physician and Methodist minister for sixty-five years. The subject of this sketch was licensed to preach by Rev. Mr. Catlett, Presiding Elder in Virginia, in 1842. He was ordained for the office of Deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Holston Conference, by Bishop James O. Andrew, on the 24th day of October, 1847, at Jonesborough, Tennessee. He was ordained to the office of an Elder by Bishop John Early, at Marvan, Virginia, on the 26th day of October, 1857. He was married to Miss Phebe Edwards in Allegheny County, North Carolina, February 23rd, 1845. In 1861, he entered the Confederate army as Captain of Company "A," 12th Regiment, North Carolina Volunteers. He also commanded a company from Allegheny County, North Carolina, and later was appointed Chaplain of the 12th Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers. He was under Colonel, later General, J. J. Petigrew, and served to the close of the war. He came West in 1868, and settled at Hamburg, Iowa, in 1869. He was associated in the practice of medicine and surgery for a number of years with Dr. Bray. He organized the first Methodist Class in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Hamburg, Iowa. He was instrumental in building a church edifice at this place, which was dedicated by Rev. Dr. Miller, of Missouri, in the summer of 1871. He joined the Missouri Conference and was circuit rider on the Hamburg and Rockport Circuits. He assisted in building Cox's Chapel on the Hamburg Circuit, in Atchison County, Missouri. He moved to Madison, Nebraska, in 1882, engaged in the practice of medicine, and preached regularly Sabbath days in country school houses and churches in the town. In 1885, he moved to the "Loup Country," afterward Blaine County, Nebraska, with his wife and three sons, Edward M. Cox, Charles B. W. Cox and Albert S. A. Cox, engaging in the practice of medicine and continuing to preach, as was his custom on Sabbath days. He was totally blind for three years, until Dr. Gifford, an eminent occulist of Omaha, removed a cataract from his eyes. In his eighty-fifth year he wrote a history entitled, "Foot Prints on the Sands of Time," and several hundred copies were published. He was a great admirer of Dr. D. R. McAnally, and he could not remember when the St. Louis Christian Advocate was not in his home. Dr. A. B. Cox was endowed with a strong, aggressive nature, and to some degree was prejudiced, as are most men of strong character and sterling principle. He was a man endowed with strong mental powers. He believed in the "old South" and never changed his views.



DR. A. B. COX,
AGE 38.

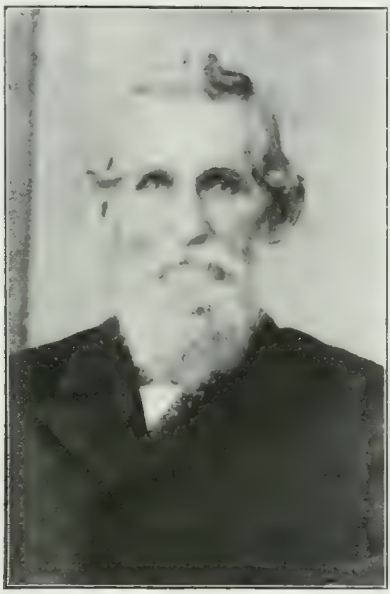


DR. A. B. COX,
AGE 58.
Chaplain of Confederate Army.

REV. WILLIAM LOUIS SCARBOROUGH.

Not what I have, but what I do, is my kingdom.—*Carlyle.*

Rev. William Louis Scarborough, son of Richard A. Scarborough and Rebecca A. Scarborough, was born in Albany, Missouri, December 22nd, 1871; both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Albany, Missouri, in 1885, under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Keithly, and joined the church the same night at that place. He was induced to go to the altar by a sister and was happily converted in the old fashioned way. His growth in grace has been steady, but his disposition to do God's will grows stronger each day, and his love for men's souls is proportionately increased. He was licensed to preach by the Gallatin District Conference at Lineville, Iowa, in April, 1897; Rev. E. C. McVoy was preacher in charge and Rev. Z. M. Williams, D. D., Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the same District Conference at Lineville, Iowa, in April, 1897, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1897, Rev. Z. M. Williams, D. D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop Fitzgerald presiding; was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Granbery at Fayette, Missouri, September 3rd, 1899, and ordained Elder by Bishop W. A. Candler at St. Joseph, Missouri, September 8th, 1901. Appointments filled are as follows: Lock Springs Circuit, one year; Union Star Circiut, three years; Lineville Station, four years; Gooding, St. Joseph, Missouri, two years. He built the church at Union Star, Missouri. His education was received at the High School of Albany, Missouri. He was married to Miss Lurah Lee Kirtley, November 30th, 1902. His submission to God's will in entering the ministry has probably been the most important crisis in his life. He considers the Christian College of vital importance and the hope of the church for the future.



REV. BENJAMIN ROBINSON BAXTER.

This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and Declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness At all.—*St. John.*

By Rev. C. I. VanDeventer.

Rev. Benjamin Robinson Baxter, son of Stephen and Ann Gray Baxter, was born in Clay County, Missouri, July 10th, 1824. His parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and at its organization united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted and united with the church in his sixteenth year and was licensed to preach and recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in 1844, by the Liberty Circuit Quarterly Conference; Rev. W. W. Redman being Presiding Elder, and the Rev. E. M. Marvin, preacher in charge. His first appointment was to the Savannah Circuit as junior preacher, remaining in the Savannah District till 1848, when he was transferred to the Indian Mission Conference, and back to the Missouri Conference in 1852. He was ordained Deacon in 1846, by Bishop Paine, and Elder in 1848, by Bishop Andrew, and from this time until 1860, his appointments were to the Savannah Circuit, Savannah District and Oregon Circuit, where he located. He was married to Miss Ellen Angeline Tate, April 27th, 1847. To them were born fourteen children, (three pairs of twins); nine of the children having died, five in infancy. His widow and five children survived him. Brother Baxter was more than ordinarily promising at the beginning of his ministry, and he rapidly developed into a leading and popular preacher. Soon after his location in 1860, on account of the war troubles in Missouri, he went West, being connected in his trip with the noted "Russell" Freighting Company. But he continued to magnify his office as a Christian minister, often preaching from the rear of one of the Company's wagons, and at Denver, where they tarried some time, large congregations flocked to hear him. In 1865, he moved with his family to Helena, Montana, where he was engaged in Missionary work for three years. In 1869, he was re-admitted into the Columbia Conference and again located in 1875, remaining in active, useful service till his death, January 17th, 1894, at his home in the Willemette Valley, Oregon. His end was peace and triumph. He told his beloved wife there was not a cloud between him and his Lord. First and last he was instrumental in doing much good. His services were in special demand from the beginnig, and no doubt many will rise up in the last day and call him blessed. His godly parents lived in the bounds of my first circuit. We were members of the same Conference Class. His convictions were strong and his friendship ardent, and we loved each other to the end. May the seeds of gospel truth, sown by him in all of the fields of his eventful life, produce abundant fruit, and may we meet again in the New Jerusalem.

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REV. A. P. PARKER, MISSIONARY TO CHINA.

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GALLATIN DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder.....H. L. Davis
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Jamesport Station.....G. A. Stanton
Jamesport Circuit.....To be supplied
Albany Station.....J. A. Snarr
Union Star Circuit..Sup by S. A. Smart
Maysville Station.....P. M. Cain
Weatherby Circuit.....J. M. Tinnell
Eagleville Ct.....Sup. by G. W. Trotter
New Hampton Ct.....R. F. Davis
Denver Ct.....S. D. Gose
Lineville Sta.....J. W. Tanquary
Lineville Ct.....Sup. by W. C. Jackson
Edinburg Ct.....O. Blackburn
Lock Springs Ct.....To be supplied
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REV. HOWARD LORENZO DAVIS.

Man never thinks as when the Spirit of God holds him with Some great Truth.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev. T. H. B. Anderson, D.D.



We put into the galaxy of names and faces found in this volume that of our beloved Presiding Elder, Rev. H. L. Davis.

His parents, Harvy S. and Nancy H. Davis, were Virginians; both are living in Hunnewell, Shelby County, Missouri. Howard L., subject of this sketch, was born in Highland County, Virginia, April 8th, 1860. He was converted in 1875, Oak Dale, Missouri, Rev. Thompson Penn, pastor, and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at that meeting. His conversion was manifestly of the New Testament type, as he has become a stalwart in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.

He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Hunnewell Circuit, held at Andrew Chapel, August 23rd, 1884, Rev. Wm. Rush, D.D., P.E., and Rev. H. W. James, P.C. At the same time and place he was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. The Conference met this time at Shelbina, September 17th, 1884, with Bishop Linus Parker presiding. Two years later he was ordained deacon at St. Joseph, Missouri, by Bishop H. N. McTyeire; Elder, September 9th, 1888, at Gallatin, by Bishop E. R. Hendrix. He has traveled Missions and Circuits, filled Stations, and is now Presiding Elder of the Gallatin District. He had added to the Church a goodly number of members; has built churches and been helpful otherwise financially.

His literary acquirements were not lacking. He attended Shelbyville High School, Central College and St. Charles College—all Missouri schools. He has improved the time since; never reads an indifferent book; has a well selected library, and is constantly adding to it new books—the latest and best. He has a strong grasp on the doctrines of the Church, and knows how to preach them. His mind is logical; the major and minor premise are before you as he delivers the message.

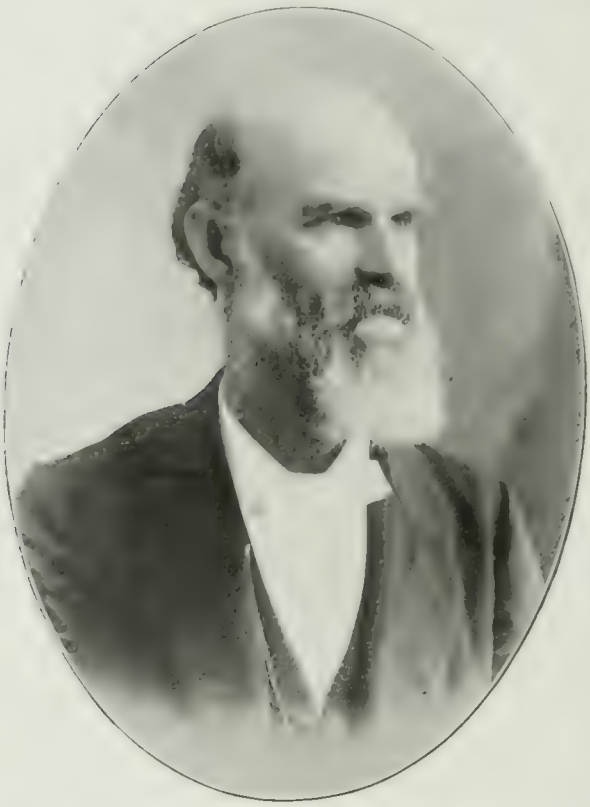
He was married September 12th, 1888, to Miss Etta S. Trussell, Big Rapids, Michigan. She belongs to the Marys, Dorcases and Lydias of the Bible. Six children were born unto them: Hendrix Davis, Florence Davis, Ruth Davis, Wilbur Davis, Raymund Davis and Howard Davis, Jr. Brother Davis possesses characteristics that make him a remarkably useful minister; is a true man; his friendships are reliable; he stands squarely with his brethren; he wages unceasing warfare against vice, stupidity and selfishness. Our brother has developed largely the *fortiter en re.* His heart never beats feebly; his blood never moves sluggishly; his pulse indicates good health, courage and constancy. The saloon, gambling hell, Sabbath desecration and other evils destroying our boys and girls have found him an unrelenting foe.

He was a faithful pastor; no pains spared to improve spiritual conditions. A believer in revivals. God gave him times of refreshing. No minister is further removed from ritualism. He improved church property, increased salaries, and left his successor invariably a thoroughly organized church. This is his first year as Presiding Elder, but the harness sets snugly, and he is giving great satisfaction. He is meeting fully the expectation of all who knew him.

REV. THOMAS HART BENTON ANDERSON, D.D.

We are only strong as we are good; we only universalize the Gospel as we make it beautiful, in temper, spirit, benevolence, Sympathy and love.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

By Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald.



What shall we call him? He has so many titles that it is not easy to answer this question. When I first knew him he was a boy preacher in California. Then he was "Bent" Anderson, almost beardless, lively, progressive. Afterwards he was pastor, presiding elder, chaplain, college president, and doctor of divinity. All these titles belong to him legitimately. But there is one that looks better to me on the printed page than all of these put together. Brother Anderson is that name which looks best and gets closest to the hearts of his brethren. The name given him at his birth tells the story of his nativity. The man child thus named was born in Missouri when the massive, big-brained old Senator was in his prime, and was already recognized in some degree as the apostle of metallic currency and territorial expansion. They never made Benton President of the United States, but he looks bigger in the historical perspective standing flat-footed on his record as a public man than would a score of the little politicians that have been lifted into that high office by party machinery, even though they should all be put together. Let me now lift my hat to the colossal old Missouri statesman, while at the same time I would send a greeting to the "Bent" Anderson whose rising into celebrity as a preacher was observed by me in California in the long ago, in which we are both looking back with hearts that are tender. His sun is sinking to a peaceful setting among those Missourians who are the children of sturdy fathers who had strong convictions, and of praying mothers who made Bethels of their moving tents as they journeyed westward as pioneers.

"Bent" Anderson's rise as a preacher was rapid in California. He had both the swing and sweep of the old Missouri Methodist fathers, and the electric touch of young California.

He was born in Chariton County, Missouri, on May 26th, 1842. The names of his parents were Josiah and Rachel Anderson, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted near Eagleville, Harrison County, Missouri, in July, 1856, the Rev. E. K. Miller, D.D., preaching the sermon. The same day he joined the Church on probation. His conversion was of the kind that our fathers called "powerful." "I never doubted it," he said. Thirty-three years afterward he had an experience which gave him greater peace, clearer light, and deeper love. He held to the Wesleyan doctrine of Christian Perfection as preached by the fathers of Methodism. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him in 1882, by the Military College of Kentucky. Was chaplain to the Senate of California in 1868; Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M., 1880-83; Grand Orator, 1885; chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, etc. He has received into the Church about 2,000 members. Filled our best stations in Pacific Conference—Sacramento, San Francisco, Santa Rosa, Fresno, Colusa. In Missouri Conference: Richmond, Moberly, Shelbina, now Gallatin.



DR. WILLIAM LEWIS BROSIUS.

Whoever implants a broad, unselfish sentiment in the heart of a Child achieves an immortal work.—*Bishop Atkins.*

Dr. William Lewis Brosius, son of George Washington Brosius and Martha L. Brosius, was born April 7th, 1853, at Gallatin, Missouri. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1861, at Gallatin, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. Joseph Devlin, and joined the Church then and there before he was eight years old. He was converted at the old-fashioned mourner's bench and peace came to him while on his knees. It is his desire to honor Christ by a life growing better and more useful as the years go by. He received his education in the common schools of Gallatin, was graduated from the Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis, Missouri, and from the Illinois School of Electro-Therapeutics, at Chicago, also attended New York Post Graduate School and Hospital, in New York City. He was married to Miss Mollie Price at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1882, and they have two children, Lou Etta Brosius and William Lewis Brosius. He considers the most important crisis in his life was when God for Christ's sake gave him personal evidence of His favor. His conversion changed the whole tenor of his life, and enriched it in every way. Dr. Brosius has been a factor in the social life of Gallatin, and his family is one of the best. He is deeply interested in his Church, and always ready to respond to her calls.

REV. JACOB ANDREW SNARR.

The Day of Goodness hastens on to still fuller Glory, and enlarges Itself into the splendors of Eternity.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



His parents were William and Eliza Snarr. They were members of the Lutheran Church. He was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, April 28th, 1856. He was converted in 1873, in a Presbyterian Church, in Montgomery County, Missouri, during a sermon preached by Dr. Lacy, a Presbyterian preacher, and in June following joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at High Hill, Mo. A brief account of his conversion: The preacher likened a sinner to one bearing a very heavy burden, which was crushing him, and he was crying out, as he struggled up a steep and rocky way. And when urged to let go his load, which was bearing him to the earth, in response he stooped and picked up another stone and laid it on his heavy burden. Then I saw myself, trusted, and let go my burden. His Christian growth has been varied with sometimes assurances of acceptance with God when not a shadow intervened. Mountain tops he reached, but could not tarry there; try as he would, he must descend into valleys, where he has dwelt, traveled and worked. He can say that his faith in his Lord has never faltered for a moment. "For I know Him whom I have believed." As he loves God he loves men. He was licensed to preach May 11th, 1878, by the Quarterly Conference of the Jonesburg Circuit; Rev. J. M. O'Bryen, P.C., and Rev. M. R. Jones, P.E. The following Quarterly Conference of the same charge and year, recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. At the Annual Conference held in Macon, Missouri, September, 1878, he was admitted on trial; Bishop David S. Doggett presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Keener, at Richmond, Mo., September, 1880, and Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery, Plattsburg, Missouri, September, 1882. He has served the following works in order: Queen City Circuit, Memphis Circuit, Hannibal-Arch Street Station, Canton Circuit, St. Charles Station, Louisiana Station, Canton Station, Glasgow Station, New Franklin Circuit, Macon Station, Chillicothe District, Shelbina Station, Canton Station, Macon District, Albany Station. He has received, in his own works, into the Church 800 members. He has held, in his own charges forty-two revival meetings, and assisted his brethren in other charges in eighty-four revival meetings. He rebuilt the Trinity Church on the Queen City Circuit, also built McKendree Church, and bought the parsonage on the Canton Station. He attended the public schools at Jonesburg and Montgomery City, and the Shelbyville Seminary, Shelbyville, Mo. He married Miss Minnie D. Gray, in Memphis, Missouri, October 14th, 1884. His children are: Eugene Gray, who died, aged two years; Myrtle Josephine, Lois Flowers, and Andrew Paul Snarr. He was called to the ministry in his boyhood, and it became more emphatic as he grew to young manhood. He never doubted it. He hesitated to obey, though not to open rebellion, but wished to get the Lord's consent to substitute one of the professions. Brother Snarr is one of our best preachers.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM H. PRITCHETT, A.M.

Truth is the provision God has made for the intellect.—*Dr. James W. Lee.*



Professor W. H. Pritchett, A. M., is a resident of Kentucky, where he has been a citizen for the past seven years. For six years he has been president of Vanderbilt Training School at Smith's Grove, Kentucky. On April 10th, 1907, he bought at a big outlay one of the most desirable school properties in the State of Kentucky—the Louisville Training School for Boys, at Beechmont—the most beautiful of all the suburbs of Louisville, Kentucky. He expects to make it the model school of Kentucky; will limit its attendance to one hundred, and have a most thorough preparatory course in connection with military features. Professor Pritchett is the oldest son of Rev. J. H. Pritchett, D. D., for years the leading spirit of the Missouri Conference. The son was born December 19th, 1858, and so is not yet fifty years of age. He graduated from Central College, Fayette, Missouri, in 1880, and has constantly taught for over a quarter of a century. The following memorandum is taken from the volume, "Notable Men of Kentucky"; "President W. H. Pritchett, A.M.; Graduate Central College, Fayette, Mo., 1880; Professor Ancient and Modern Languages at Howard-Payne College, 1881; Professor Languages at Pritchett College, Glasgow, Missouri, in 1881-1884; Professor Languages and Sciences at Paynesville Institute for 1884-1886; President Paynesville Institute, 1886-1892; President Northwest Missouri College, Albany, Missouri, 1892-1900; President J. M. A. College, Tullahoma, Tennessee, 1900-1901; President Logan Female College, Russellville, Kentucky, 1901-1902; President Smith's Grove Vanderbilt Training School, Kentucky, 1902-1907." He has thus taught in or been president of some of the leading schools in three different states. The History of Howard County, Missouri, says of him: "He is a man of a teaching family—father, two uncles, eight cousins, three brothers, have all held high positions as college presidents and specialists in this and other states. President Pritchett is a leader, not only in college circles, but holds advanced places in his Church and other circles. He is abreast of the age in which he lives. Keeps up with and ahead of the times in which he lives, and will make his mark, no matter where he goes." A correspondent of the Central Methodist, Louisville, Kentucky, has the following kind words to say of him: "He is recognized as one of our best business laymen in the entire Church. Our Louisville Conference evidently recognizes him as a leader. * * * The citizens of the staid old town of Russellville have learned that he is one of the most thorough teachers, most patient disciplinarians, and withal, one of the strongest minds ever in its midst. As an educator, we haven't his superior in this state. Socially, he is at home in any circle, yet modest. He has strong religious convictions, as have all true men, yet he is perfectly free from offensive extremes and partisanism. Financially, he keeps all corners up—never performs his own business in a loose, unsystematic way. In short, he is one of the best all around men to be found anywhere."

REV. STEWART SANFORD HARDIN.

The Ascent of Man is not only the noblest problem which Science Can ever study, but the practical bearings of this Theme are great Beyond any other on the roll of knowledge. —*Drummond.*



The subject of this sketch was born in Henry County, Kentucky, November 16th, 1839. He came with his parents, George Washington Hardin and Martha Sanford Hardin, to Sullivan County, Missouri, in 1851. His grandfather was Benjamin Hardin, of Henry County, Kentucky. The Hardin family is one of the largest and most influential families of Kentucky. Not only in Kentucky, but in the states of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, and some of the other more Western states have members of this family held places of responsibility in state and church.

Mr. Hardin was converted at the age of fourteen; licensed to preach in December, 1859, by the Quarterly Conference of the Milan Circuit, with Rev. E. A. Sears, P.E., and Rev. Isaac Naylor, P.C. He joined the Missouri Conference at Weston, Mo., September, 1868; located in 1870, and entered Conference again in September, 1876. He was ordained local Elder at the same Conference by Bishop McTyeire, having been ordained local Deacon by Bishop Kavanaugh at Weston in 1868. Before joining Conference he taught several terms of school, which served as a good introduction into public life. During his itinerant career he served the following charges: Lineville, Milan, Edinburg, Jamesport, Lorraine, Jameson, Missouri City, Platte City, Pattonsburg and Breckenridge. During his twenty-two years of service, he spent nineteen of them in only one Presiding Elder's District. Again, he served three separate pastorates at Lineville, two separate pastorates at Jameson and also at Jamesport, showing that he had wearing qualities with the people he had served and that they sought him again. Such a record with a Methodist preacher is rather unusual. Very few will have served in so small a territory for so long a time. Within this territory will be found hundreds who came into the Church under his ministry, for he was usually very successful in his meetings.

From his boyhood, he was an omnivorous reader. He has perhaps read more books than any other man of his age in the state. He has been a hard and patient student all his life. Having given his chief attention to his professional studies, he is one of the very best informed theologians. His sermons are always strong and forceful—one of the ablest thinkers of his Conference. In disposition he is retiring and timid, disliking notoriety in a marked degree.

Preferring the Presbyterial to the Episcopal form of church government, in 1895 he withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, serving since then various congregations of this Church within the bounds of the Chillicothe Presbytery. He has been twice chosen to represent his Presbytery in the General Assembly. In September, 1906, he moved to Texas County, Missouri, near Cabool, where he now lives on his farm. He has been a contributor to various periodicals all his life, but especially to church periodicals.

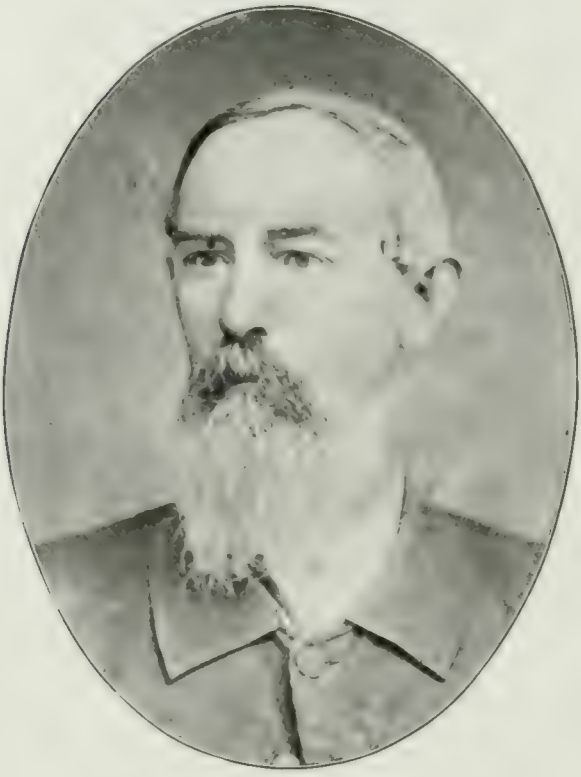
In 1861 he was married to Miss Esther Ann Kinney, who is a native of Missouri. To this union was born five children: Melville Coxe, Arthur Bascom, Leonidas Marvin, Effie Erdeen, Charles Bledsoe, all of whom are living at this date except the last named, who died at six years of age.



REV. JOHN EDWIN SQUIRES.

Because Christianity develops the higher Personality, it is the Religion of Progress.—*Bishop Rendrix.*

Rev. John Edwin Squires was born in Carroll County, Missouri, near DeWitt, July 15th, 1855. He is a son of John Squires and Sarah J. Squires. He grew up on a farm near Bedford, Missouri, where he was converted in 1877, under the ministry of Rev. R. H. G. Keeran, and shortly after was licensed to preach by Dr. J. P. Nolan; Rev. H. Leeper, being pastor in charge. He attended Central College and later Vanderbilt University, where, in 1883, he completed the English and Theological course, taking the founder's medal for excellence in scholarship in that Department. His first appointment was Arch Street, with Dr. W. M. Rush, Presiding Elder. At his next appointment, Kirksville, Missouri, he was married to Miss Cassie A. Gilliam of Rockport, Missouri, by Dr. Wesley G. Miller, then pastor of Francis Street Church, at St. Joseph, Missouri. They have six children, all in the parsonage home at this time. From Jamesport, he was transferred to the Denver Conference by Bishop Hendrix, and two years later, by the same authority, to the Montana Conference, where he spent the six following years. Ten years ago he went to California, and from Stockton charge was sent to San Francisco, his present work, at the last session of the Pacific Conference. He has been identified with the Interdenominational work of the Kingdom during the past fifteen years, and is now a member of the Civic Betterment Federation of San Francisco, of the Anti-Saloon League, and is President of the California Sunday School Association. The men who have most influenced his ministerial life, in the order of time and of value, are: Rev. H. H. Craig, Dr. J. P. Nolan and Bishop E. R. Hendrix. His personal experience has often been most enriched by the fellowship of humble men and women whose pastor he has been. He says if he had many lives to live, all of them would be given to the Christian ministry.



REV. WILLIS GREEN SHACKLEFORD.

The highest work of our Holy Religion is simply to make us Men.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

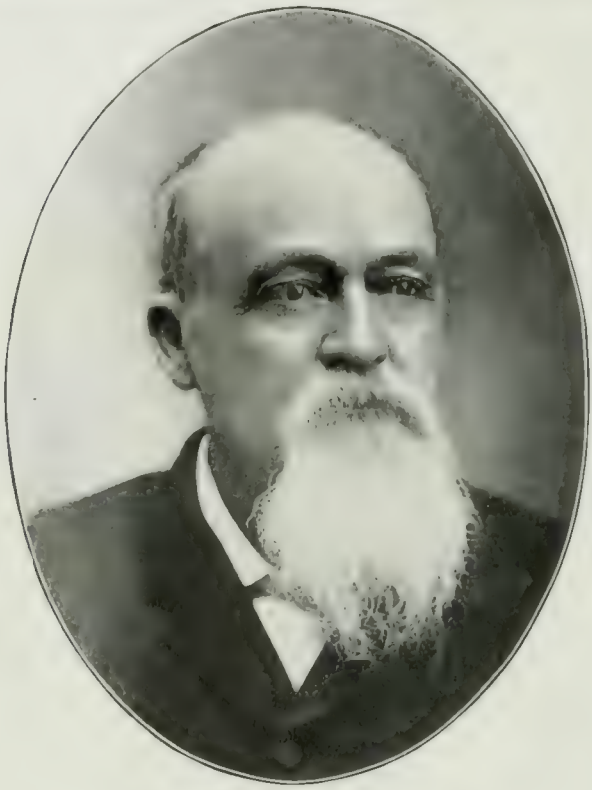
Rev. Willis Green Shakleford was born near Danville, Missouri, in 1836. His parents, W. G. Shackelford and Louisa Ann Shackelford, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1851, under the ministry of Rev. Jesse Sutton, and joined the Church at that time. He was converted at the old Bethel Camp Ground during a severe thunder storm, and the testimony of his acceptance with God was very clear. His growth in grace has been constant, and he has realized much of the things of God and a love more perfect to God and man. He was licensed to preach in 1872; Rev. Isaac Thompson, preacher in charge, and Rev. M. R. Jones, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of New Harmony Circuit, in 1878, and was received into the Annual Conference that same year; Rev. S. W. Cope, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Doggett, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Keener in 1880; ordained Elder by Bishop Granbery in 1882, at Plattsburg, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Mexico Circuit, 1878-1880; Madison Circuit, 1881-1883; Sturgeon Circuit, 1884-1885; Beadsville Circuit, 1886-1890; Humphrey Circuit, 1890-1892; Linneus Circuit, 1892; Osborn Circuit, 1893; Maysville Circuit, 1894-1895; Edinburgh Circuit, 1896-1899; Pattonsburg, 1900; McFall, 1901. About four hundred persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. Under his pastorate a church near Mexico, Missouri, was built. He received his education in the public schools. He was married to Miss Pauline E. Beshears, in September, 1858, and they have six children, William R. Shackelford, John E. Shackleford, Leonidas E. Shackleford, Mary Z. Shackleford, Abbie L. Shackleford and Cora E. Shackleford. Brother Shackleford is one of our good men, and he has done faithful service.

REV. BRADFORD HEWLET TRIPP.

As in the East the shepherd always precedes the flock, so does Jesus ever keep in front of the soul that trusts and loves Him.—*Dr. F. B. Meyer.*



Rev. Bradford Hewlet Tripp was born January 10th, 1842, at Lyons, Clinton County, Iowa. He is a son of Stephen Tripp and Eva Eliza Tripp, who were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for a number of years. He was converted in May, 1868, at Millville, Grant County, Wisconsin, under the ministry of Rev. Kellogg, and joined the Church at the time of his conversion. He was converted at a class meeting held after the morning service conducted by the pastor, and was almost at once called to the ministry. For thirty-nine years his soul, watered by divine favor and cultivated by infinite love, has grown and developed a deeper knowledge of God and a sweeter and stronger love. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Bell and Flint Factory Circuit of the North Alabama Conference on March 11th, 1871; Rev. M. E. Johnston, preacher in charge, and Rev. A. F. Driskill, Presiding Elder. He was recommended for admission on trial into the Missouri Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Jamesport Circuit, on September 11th, 1875, and was received into the Annual Conference, October 10th, 1875, at Glasgow, Missouri; Rev. S. W. Atteberry, Presiding Elder, and Bishop John C. Keener, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Keener, October 10th, 1875, at Glasgow, Missouri. He has filled the following appointments: Gallatin Circuit, two years; Scottsville Circuit, two years; Gallatin Circuit, one year; Princeton Mission, one year; Gallatin Circuit, one year; Tinney's Point, one year. At the Conference held at Chillicothe in September, 1883, he asked for and was granted a location. Under his ministry there have been many conversions and many additions to the Church. Under his pastorates two churches have been built, a parsonage on the Gallatin Circuit, and one on the Scottsville Circuit. He was married to Miss Emma Engle, June 8th, 1866, and the names of their children are Seth J. Tripp, Martha A. Tripp, Charles A. Tripp, Lewis D. Tripp, Daisy D. Tripp, William F. Tripp, Grace L. Tripp and Merville L. Tripp. He says that the most important crisis in his life was the conflict with Satan about his call to the ministry, and the current of his life turned when he won the victory.



REV. GRAFTON TANQUARY.

'Tis our Jehovah fills the heavens; as long as He shall reign
Almighty, we are strong.—*Young.*

Rev. Grafton Tanquary was born near Winchester, Virginia, August 18th, 1824. His father was not a member of any church, but his mother was a Quaker. He moved with his parents to Ohio in 1836, and after attending one of the best private schools of the times for a number of years, he engaged in milling with his father and then for himself, shipping flour to Cincinnati. In 1848 he was married to Miss Rebecca Jacoby; of this union seven children were born; four are living, two sons and two daughters. All belong to the Church and are loyal and faithful. The girls are in Tucumcora, New Mexico. One son lives at Osborn, Missouri, and has been for several years a faithful steward and Sunday School Superintendent. One, Rev. J. W. Tanquary, is a preacher in the Missouri Conference. Grafton E. Tanquary, the youngest son, died in 1902, and was for a number of years a member of the Missouri Conference. Brother Tanquary was converted and joined the Church in 1840, and felt that he ought to preach the Gospel, but he quenched the Spirit and for years lived in a backslidden state, but attending a camp meeting in Clark County, Missouri, in 1865, conducted by Rev. C. I. VanDeventer, renewed his covenant with God and was licensed to preach. He was admitted on trial into the Missouri Annual Conference at Hannibal, Missouri, in 1865. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Marvin, at Macon City, in 1867, and was ordained Elder by Bishop McTyeire at Hannibal, in 1876. He traveled the following circuits: Colony, Newark, Florida, Liberty, Osborn, Millville, Polo, Platte City, Linneus, Edgerton, Kingston and Patttonsburg. He was a good preacher and his ministry bore fruit. Many souls were converted under his plain, pointed and forceful preaching. Many mature men and women came to God under his ministry. As an itinerant preacher, he was a success and went cheerfully and willingly to the work assigned. He was a fine mixer and visited from house to house. The people, the children as well as the old folks, were glad to see "Uncle Tan," as they called him, come, and sorry when he left. He never forgot a name or face; he could meet a number of children, learn their names and readily call them by name the next time he saw them. He saw the bright side of everything, and always had a kind word for each brother at Conference.

REV. JOHN WILLIAM TANQUARY, A.B.

Converted human nature, in the whole circle of its wonderful Endowment and possibilities, is the noblest work of God.—*Bishop Tigert.*

By Mrs. R. K. Brown.



Rev. John Wm. Tanquary was born in Old Town, Ohio, March 25th, 1854. His father and mother, Rev. Grafton and Rebecca Tanquary, were Methodists. His father was for a number of years a traveling preacher in the Missouri Conference. His parents came to Missouri when John was a child, settling in Clark County. When about eleven years of age he was crippled by having his foot caught in a threshing machine. At fifteen he was sent to Shelbyville High School, where he graduated, taking the A.B. degree in 1874.

He was simply and truly converted, with a number of others, at a meeting held in the old chapel of Shelbyville High School. Mr. Terrell, his faithful Sunday School teacher, and Mrs. Alex Irwin, an earnest Church worker, were both instrumental in leading him to Christ.

After graduating he engaged in teaching in Millville, Ray County, Missouri. In 1879 and 1880, he attended Central College. In the summer of 1880, he took a trip across the plains with an invalid brother, traveling three thousand miles in a covered wagon. Coming back to Ray County, he again engaged in teaching; was County School Commissioner two terms; principal of the Lawson Schools four years, and the Hardin School one year. About this time his father died and he went to Pattonsburg to be a help and comfort to his mother and sisters. He was principal of the Pattonsburg School one year; was appointed postmaster in 1893, which office he held four years. Here he became more earnest in Church work, the pastors of the Church using him in every way. He was placed on a Campaign Committee by the District Conference for Northwest Missouri College, and made educational addresses over the District. He also became interested in League work and became more consecrated by seeking more earnestly and more prayerfully to know the will of God. He was licensed to preach and recommended for admission into the Annual Conference at the Gallatin District Conference, held in Lineville, Iowa, in 1897. Rev. J. A. Glenville was his pastor and Rev. Z. M. Williams, D.D., the Presiding Elder. He was received on trial at the Annual Conference at Albany, Mo., Bishop Fitzgerald presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Granbery at Fayette, Mo., in 1899; Elder in 1901, at St. Joseph, Missouri, by Bishop Candler, assisted by Bishop Hendrix, who preached the sermon at Hundley Church.

He has served the following churches: Union Star, Lock Springs and Jamesport Circuits, Cowgill, Jamesport and Maysville Stations, and is now serving the Lineville Station.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth E. Brown, March 12th, 1901. He has always been of an unusually cheerful and bright disposition, which trait has made him quite popular with the young people and children in whom he takes so much interest and strives to aid in their advancement along both intellectual and spiritual lines.



REV. JAMES MONROE TINNELL.

Faith and divine grace, uniting in the believer, are equal to any Emergency that may arise in his life.—*Dean Tillett.*

Rev. James Monroe Tinnell was born March 6th, 1875, at Turnersville, Robertson County, Tennessee. He is a son of James T. Tinnell and Mary B. Tinnell, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Ralston Station, Tennessee, in the year 1889, under the ministry of Rev. G. W. Wilson, and joined the church at Sharon, Tennessee, in 1901, Rev. B. L. Harris being the preacher in charge. Being very young, it was not a hard struggle for him to come to the point where he saw his lost condition. He simply gave himself to Christ and He honored the gift by changing his whole nature and freeing him from sin. His growth in grace has been very marked; after his conversion he studied the Bible, attended all the services of the Church, Sunday School and Epworth League, which created within him a desire for greater things, so he applied himself to the conditions of God, who led him into a deeper understanding of His works and ways. He was licensed to preach by the Union City District Conference, July 28th, 1904; Rev. B. L. Harris, pastor, and Rev. G. B. Baskerville, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Gallatin District Conference, April 3rd, 1905, at Jameson, Missouri; was received into the Annual Conference on trial during the Conference year of 1905-1906; Rev. W. A. Hanna, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding. He served the Lineville Circuit, 1904-1905, as a supply; Pattonsburg Circuit, 1905-1906; his present work is Weatheby Circuit, where he has been since 1906. Thirty-one persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. He attended the Sharon Training School three years. He was married to Miss Grace Adair, September 27th, 1905, and they have one boy, Howard Lee Tinnell. He considers the call to preach as the most important crisis in his life. Some of the books which have helped him are Wesley's Sermons and Notes, Watson's Institutes, Plutarch's Lives, Natural Law, and many others. His father and mother died while he was in his second year, so he was reared without parents. The God of the fatherless has been his helper.



REV. SAMUEL DAVID GOSE.

His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end.—*John Newton.*

Rev. Samuel David Gose was born near Edinburg, Grundy County, Missouri, August 22nd, 1870. He is a son of William D. Gose and Martha J. Gose. Both parents belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Old Hatton Chapel, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Grundy County, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. David McAllen, during the winter of 1892, and joined that Church during the meeting. He had been reared in the Church and around the family altar, had not drifted far in sin, hence his conversion was not of the kind that showed marked change. Just a definite stand for Christ, and a calm peace and assurance, was all. His growth in grace has been steady and continuous. He is stronger in love, in faith and a willingness to do God's will than ever before. He was licensed to preach by the Gallatin District Conference, in May, 1900, at Union Star, Missouri; Rev. G. W. Trotter, preacher in charge, and Rev. D. F. Bone, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial that same year and by the same District Conference; was admitted on trial into the Missouri Annual Conference in September, 1900; Rev. D. F. Bone, Presiding Elder, and Bishop J. C. Granbery, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Wilson, September 7th, 1902, at Chillicothe, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Weatherby Circuit, 1900-1901; New Hampton Circuit, 1901-1902; Pattonsburg Circuit, 1902-1903; Lock Springs Circuit, 1903-1905; Denver Circuit, 1905-1907. He has received about one hundred persons into the Church. He attended the common country schools, Edinburg Academy, and State Normal at Kirksville, Missouri. He was married to Miss Florence M. Hooper, July 24th, 1902, and they have one little daughter, Mattie Jewell Gose. Some of the books which have helped him most are Doggett's Sermons, Munsey's Sermons, Wesley's Sermons, Moody's Sermons, and Drummond's Natural Law in the Spiritual World. Brother Gose thinks the Christian College is the right arm in preparing for the future development of the Church, and the one thing in the state which keeps the citizenship from drifting into materialism and infidelity, the stepping stones to immorality.

REV. CHARLES BERNARD CAMPBELL.

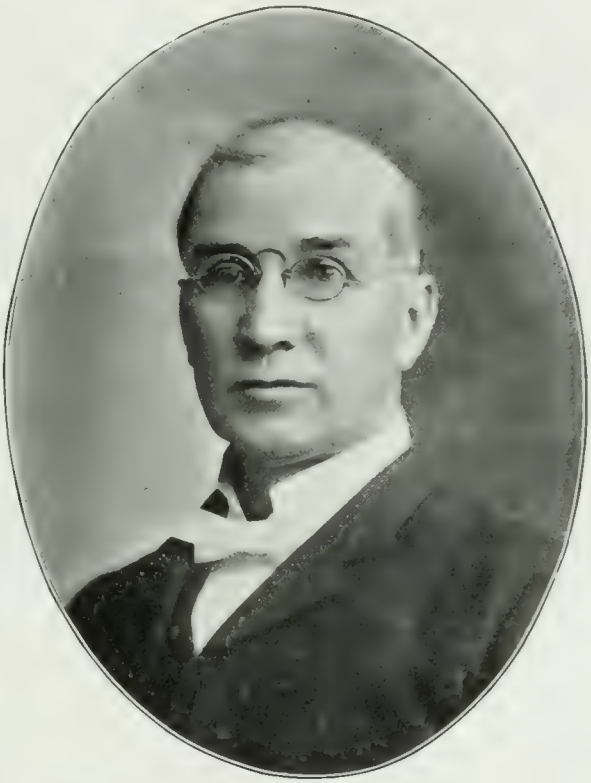
There is no happiness for Man but in the Love of God.—*Dr. John E. Godbey.*



Rev. Charles Bernard Campbell was born January 14th, 1866, in Buchanan County, Missouri. His father, John H. Cambpell, was a Cumberland Presbyterian, and his mother, Jane Campbell, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted January 10th, 1887, at Turney, Clinton County, Missouri, in a meeting held by the pastor, Rev. J. Y. Blakey. He had had deep and clear convictions from a very early age, and these had restrained him all along the way. His conversion was gradual and seemingly made complete by prayer, repentance, exercise of faith, public profession and religious activity. He has no doubt as to advancement in principal and essential things. What seemed rather visionary at an earlier date has, by reason and experience, become well fixed and sure. He has found the habit of his life to be sympathy for all men and a perpetual spirit of praise for the manifold mercies and wondrous love of God. He was licensed to preach by the Osborn Circuit of the Plattsburg District Conference, September 3rd, 1892; Rev. W. G. Shackelford, pastor, and Rev. J. M. O'Bryen, Presiding Elder. The Quarterly Conference of Osborn Circuit recommended him for admission on trial into the Annual Conference in August, 1893, and he was received on trial into the Annual Conference at Monroe City in September, 1893; Rev. R. H. Cooper, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Haygood, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, at Albany, Missouri, September 5th, 1897; ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery at Fayette, Missouri, September 3rd, 1899. Brother Campbell has served the following charges: Maryville Circuit, one year; Guilford Circuit, two years; Springhill, two years; Skidmore Circuit, three years; Spruce Street, St. Joseph, one year; Breckenridge and Mooresville, one year; was reappointed to Breckenridge and transferred by Bishop Key soon after Conference to the Oklahoma Conference and put in charge of Earlboro and Wewoka. About two hundred and seventy-six persons have been taken into the Church under his ministry. Under his pastorates a parsonage was built on the Maryville Circuit, one at Guilford, also the Bethel Church on the Guilford Circuit, and now building a church at Wewoka. His education was obtained at the public schools, with one year in Northwest Missouri College, at Albany, Missouri. He was married to Miss Sarelda Ann Potter, October 10th, 1888, and one little girl was born to them, who is now deceased. He thinks possibly the most important crisis in his life was trying to decide whether he would do the work he knew God had called him to do. This conviction was certain and unmistakable from the time he was fourteen years of age, and he had no peace of heart or mind until he surrendered and entered upon his life-work in the ministry. Some of the books that have been helpful to him are "Pilgrim's Progress" and the "Bible Looking Glass."

REV. MANSFIELD FENTON CROWE.

At his conversion, the whole face of nature seemed to rise fresh And smiling, as from a baptism of Infinite Love.—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*



Rev. Mansfield Fenton Crowe was born April 2nd, 1861, near Centerville, Reynolds County, Missouri. He was reared in Oregon County, Missouri, his father having moved his family South just the year before his death in the Confederate army. He is a son of John Fenton Crowe and Mary Ann Crowe, both of whom died when he was about two years of age. He was converted in November, 1888, at Columbia, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. John M. Crowe. He joined the Church during the same meeting in which he was converted. He had gone to the altar several times without being satisfied. At a six o'clock prayer meeting the next morning, after all his friends had prayed earnestly for him, the meeting closed, and he was not saved. As they started to leave the room, he felt himself lost as never before, and calling mightily upon the Lord, he received forgiveness and wondrous light in his soul, sometime between starting and passing out of the door. His growth in grace was retarded for some time by his not being willing to take an active part in the services of the Church. With compliance with duty came a corresponding growth in grace, but it was not until after his third year in the ministry that he discovered the greater privileges of believers to have a closer walk with God. This knowledge came to him by reading the books of the ministerial course and by hearing Dr. Beverly Carradine, the great apostle of entire satisfaction. Through his instrumentality, God for Christ's sake gave him a great spiritual blessing. It came by consecration and faith on his part. He was licensed to preach by the District Conference at Kingston, Missouri, February 7th, 1894; Rev. R. L. Thompson, Presiding Elder. The Quarterly Conference of Francis Street Church, St. Joseph, Missouri, recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, August 20th, 1894; Rev. J. M. O'Bryen, Presiding Elder, and Rev. John A. Beagle, preacher in charge; was received into the Annual Conference that same year at Carrollton, Missouri; Rev. J. M. O'Bryen, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, September 6th, 1896, at Hannibal, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery, September 16th, 1890, at Fulton, Missouri. He has served the following charges: Wilcox Circuit, one year; Craig and Forest City Circuit, one year; Gooding Church, South St. Joseph, two years; Warrenton Circuit, three years; Vandalia, two years; Edinburg Circuit, one year; he is now serving his third year at Jameson, Missouri. He has received about six hundred persons into the Church. Several churches and parsonages have been built and bought under his pastorate. He attended public schools in South Missouri, the University of Missouri, at Columbia, Missouri, and Central College, Fayette. He was married to Miss Ollie Elmore, July 3rd, 1883. Four children were born to them, all of whom are dead.

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CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE AT NORBORNE.

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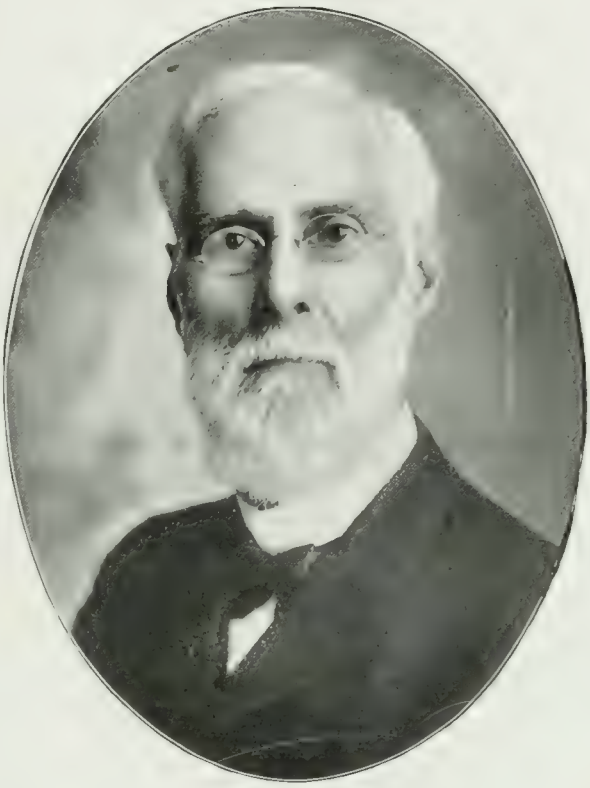
CHILLICOTHE DISTRICT.

Presiding Elder.....C. Grimes
Chillicothe Sta.....T. W. Alton
Chillicothe Ct.....E. M. Capp
Supernumerary, W. T. Merrill
Linneus Ct.....W. E. Tinney
Browning Ct.....L. R. Sparks
Greencastle Ct....Sup. by R. J. McDaniel
Milan Sta.....H. L. Davenport
Milan Ct.....Sup. by D. H. Myers
Humphreys Ct.....N. F. Johnson
Triplett Ct.....J. W. Ramsey
Brunswick Sta.....W. J. Parvin
De Witt Ct.....J. A. Mitchell
Carrollton Sta.....W. T. Whiteside
Norborne Sta.....J. N. Boyd
Norborne Ct.....T. B. Price
Mt. Olive Ct.....H. Neighbours
McBee Ct.....J. D. Sprague
Bogard Ct.....W. O. G. Potter
Hale Ct.....C. G. Hill

REV. CHANEY GRIMES.

All effectual preaching is done with the Holy Ghost sent down
From Heaven, and herein is the philosophy of preaching.
—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Rev. Charles O. Ransford.



Rev. Chaney Grimes was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, May 25, 1843. His parents, Charles and Sarah Chaney Grimes, were Methodists of the most pronounced type. Family worship was their invariable custom—the father and mother alternated in conducting the services. Reared in such an atmosphere the godly example and admonitions and prayers of his parents strongly impressed him and he was converted at home when about nine years old, while singing a song beginning with the following lines:

"The pearl that worldlings covet
Is not the pearl for me."

His parents and pastor and Christians generally seemed to think him too young for religious impressions, and no particular religious instructions were given him. His mother died when he was about nine years old and he was left to the care of his sisters and relatves. At a Methodist revival in Indiana, when he was about fifteen, he was again permitted to know the pardoning mercy of God and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. At this time he was deeply impressed that it was his duty to preach, but did not then yield to the conviction. He came west in 1865 and in 1867 he was married to Miss Nannie Griffith. In the winter of 1868 and 1869 he and his wife united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Griffith's Grove, Maryville Circuit, Missouri Conference. He was licensed to preach the following summer by the Quarterly Conference of this charge, Rev. D. C. O'Howell, Presiding Elder, and Rev. H. A. Davis pastor in charge. In the fall of 1870 he traveled this same work as a supply, Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial in the Missouri Conference at Palmyra, September, 1871. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Wightman at Carrollton, September, 1873, and Elder at Glasgow, September, 1875, by Bishop Keener. His appointments have been as follows: Osborne Circuit, two years, 1871-1872; Linneus Circuit, four years, 1873-1876; Carrollton Station, two years, 1877-1878; Richmond Station, four years, 1879-1882; Moberly Station, one year, 1883; Columbia Station, one year, 1884; Chillicothe Station, two years, 1885-1886; Maryville Station, one year, 1887; Tenth Street, St. Joseph, two years, 1888-1889; Gallatin Station, one year, 1890; Dearborn Circuit, one year, 1891; Macon District, three years, 1892-1894; Hannibal District, four years, 1895-1898; Plattsburg District, four years, 1899-1902; Chillicothe District, four years, 1903-1907.

His first wife died at Richmond, June 7, 1882, and he was married to Miss Flora V. Crellin in Chillicothe, Missouri, November 9, 1887. His ministry has been unvaryingly successful and fruitful in great good and as a Presiding Elder, which office he has filled continuously for fifteen years, he has rendered the church most excellent service. His administration has been wise and progressive, and a conspicuous success, particularly with the young people.

His sons, Rev. Charles Chaney Grimes and Edwin Grimes, are bright young men of promise; the former is an exceptionally brilliant young preacher in the Missouri Conference.



THE NEW CHILLICOTHE CHURCH.

By Rev. Edgar C. McVoy.

The new church at Chillicothe, which was dedicated by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, during August, 1903, represents much in the way of zeal and consecration on the part of that noble membership.

It is a commodious and sightly building, constructed of buff brick, trimmed with stone, and has the appointments of the modern church—Sunday School Class Rooms, Ladies' Parlors, Pastor's Study, a large and well arranged Basement, etc.

The art glass which is used throughout the building is of fine quality and the memorial windows (there are several) are unusually handsome. The total cost was about $18,000.00, exclusive of pipe organ and decorating.

In this brief sketch it will not be possible to mention the names of the many whose contributions and efforts made this building possible. Never was a church blessed with a nobler band of women; they gave unsparingly of their energies and means to bring this enterprise to a successful issue and too much praise cannot be given them. Without their aid the church could not have been built—their names are surely written in Heaven.

But mention must be made of three noble laymen, whose names are inseparably connected with this church—they are: Brothers J. A. Grace, W. H. Mansur and L. A. Currin. It is no disparagement to the others to say that these three men labored more faithfully than them all in this enterprise. Of the three, Captain Mansur alone remains to enjoy this earthly temple—the other two are reaping the reward of long and devoted service. The pastor in charge at that time shall always hold in special love and honor these brethren, as well as many others who rendered such unselfish service in the task of building this new church.

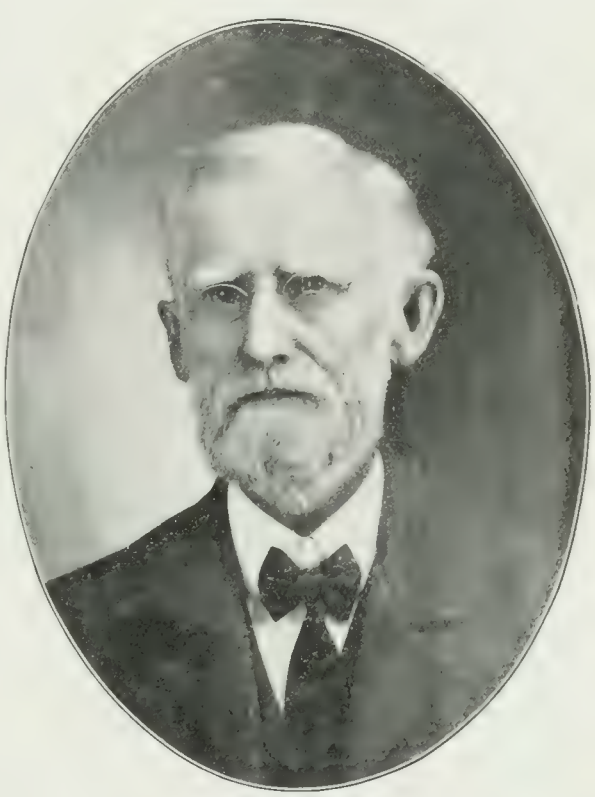
Rev. M. L. Gray, Presiding Elder of the Chillicothe District at that time, also gave invaluable counsel and assistance in the carrying to completion of this enterprise.

May this church always be a great spiritual power in that community, may thousands yet be saved at her altars, and may the pastor who worked with these consecrated men and women in building this good house to the Lord, meet them every one, at last, in that city, where temples are not built with hands, and where we may worship in unbroken fellowship.

MR. JAMES ABERNATHY GRACE.

Every man has a glorious Destiny within his grasp.
—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Mrs. Ida Grace Stewart.

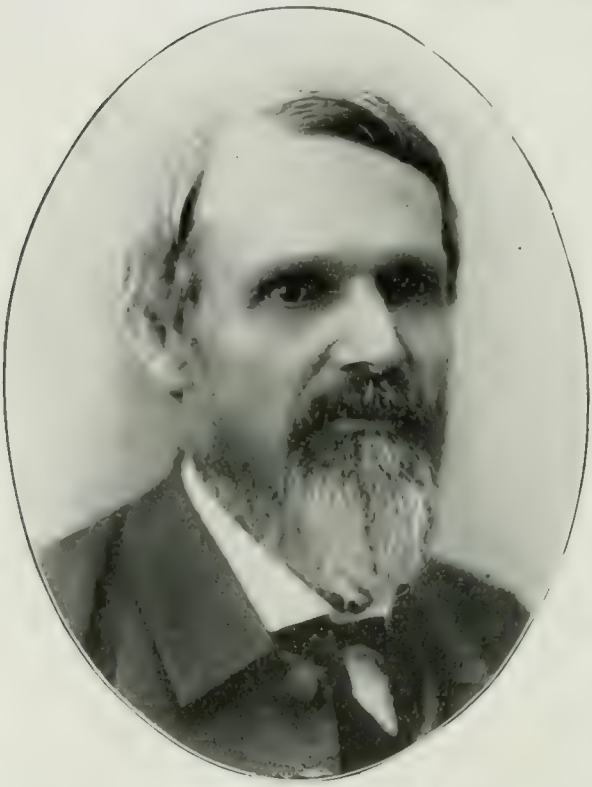


James Abernathy Grace was born in Springfield, Hampshire County, West Virginia, April 19th, 1835. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church, under the strict discipline taught and practiced by that worthy people in earlier days. When about twenty years old he was converted during a Methodist revival meeting at Philippi, West Virginia, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which he was a loyal member the remainder of his life, over fifty years. In 1858 he came west and went into the general mercantile business at Scottsville, Sullivan County, Missouri, on borrowed capital, with no security other than his industry, energy and Christian character. How well these characteristics served him is attested by the degree of success he attained. In 1860 he moved his business to Meadville, Missouri, on the Hannibal & St. Joe Railroad, then just built. On October 4th, 1862, he was married to Miss Tilitha Gordon of Livingston County, Missouri. To them were born eleven children, one of whom died in infancy; the remaining ten are living at the present time. In 1865 and 1866 he was in business in Bedford, Missouri, and in 1867 he moved to Chillicothe, Missouri, where he continued to reside until his death, June 25th, 1906. During these years he was variously engaged in the dry goods, hardware, wholesale, tobacco, farming implement and lumber business. In 1889 he received a severe blow in the death of his wife, which left him alone to rear a large family of small children, but God gave him strength and wisdom to perform his work and spared him to see them all grown. The church was dear to his heart and he was always found in his place in the sanctuary when not hindered by illness. It was among his chief joys to contribute of his means to the support and advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth, and he chose the most quiet and unostentatious manner of making his gifts. He often expressed a soul-hunger for the old-time class-meeting and loved to testify to the saving power of the Holy Spirit. Being a man of many cares, frail of body, and delicate in health, he often referred to himself as a living monument of God's grace and mercy. In the language of a beloved friend, "his experience lifted him above the ordinary and gave him a place among the sons of God." There was never a doubt in his mind as to the reality of the religion of Jesus Christ and his life was a living testimony to its genuineness. His last act in this life was to attend the Sunday evening worship where he entered into the service with characteristic fervor. About ten o'clock he retired to rest and passed away during sleep, seemingly without a struggle. A beautiful close to a beautiful life—to go to sleep on earth and awake in Heaven.

REV. SAMUEL WRIGHT COPE.

The wireless message from Heaven must be received from Heaven
And transmitted by some attuned instrument.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev. Bowman D. Sipple.



Rev. Samuel Wright Cope was born in Blount County, Tennessee, February 14, 1826, dedicated to the Lord in baptism in infancy, removed to Missouri with his parents when about five years of age and settled in Montgomery County, professed religion publicly, and united with the Methodist Church when thirteen, at the old camp-ground near Danville, but frequently declared publicly that there had never been a day that he could remember when the love of God was not shed abroad in his heart. Mr. Cope taught school two years and then attended school at Ozark Institute, near Fayetteville, Arkansas; was licensed to exhort in 1848; licensed to preach February 3, 1849, by the Warrenton Circuit, at old Ebenezer Church, entered the traveling connection in the Missouri Conference, 1849, and was sent to the Louisiana Circuit. During this year he was married to Miss Louisa Stewart who lived four years and six months after the marriage. For thirty-eight years he traveled different charges and districts, always hopeful, joyful, full of pleasantry of the purest kind and made the world infinitely better to thousands of people. He traveled Mexico and St. Charles Circuits, Canton and Fulton, Hannibal and St. Joseph Stations. April 1, 1856, he was married to Miss Martha Jane Scott, daughter of Colonel John Scott, a prominent lawyer of that city. He was then appointed to Columbia and Fayette Circuits. In the latter field in the year 1858-59 were converted and added to the church E. R. Hendrix, C. C. Woods and S. W. Atterbery. Other charges were Savannah, Weston, Platte City, High Hill, Chillicothe Station and Spring Hill; then Plattsburg, Chillicothe and Mexico Districts, and Jamesport, Jameson and Bedford Circuits. Upon the failure of sight of the old veteran he accepted the superannuated relation in 1887 and continued until his death, May 7, 1899.

Mr. Cope was an enthusiastic on the doctrines of infant baptism and infant church membership and kindred doctrines. He believed that a a child could live a correct life so that the approval of the Lord might dwell upon it from infancy. The Quarterly meeting was a great day in his best days. Some great theme consumed him and entertained the great congregation. He believed in preaching doctrines and preached them, not for controversy, but for instruction. When unable to travel regularly he spent his time writing, or dictating to another to write, his maturest thoughts. He became the author of the following books: "The Great Evil and Its Remedy," "The Christian Ministry," "In Lieu of Preaching," "Marriage, Home and Heaven," "New Songs of Praise" (quite a number of these songs he composed), and "The Story of a Happy Life," his own life story, told in a helpful manner.

Whenever strength permitted he was ready to preach to the last. His life was pure, zealous and very faithful. He excelled as a pastor, visiting from house to house, sympathizing with all men in joy and sorrow.

REV. WILLIS E. DOCKERY.

The period of the Redemption will abide forever in the Records
Of the Ages as God's brightest manifestation of Himself.
—*Bishop Marvin.*



The now lamented Willis E. Dockery was the son of Alexander Dockery and Nancy Dockery, who were members of the Baptist Church. His was a sudden and grand conversion, at twenty years of age; this occurred at the home of Isom Ware, near Spring Hill, Missouri, under the preaching of Rev. Edwin Robinson. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Gee's Creek Church in 1846. He grew in grace, conducted prayer-meetings, and did what he could in a private way until he was licensed to preach by the Cravensville Quarterly Conference; Rev. Horace Brown, Presiding Elder. He was recommended by this same Quarterly Conference for admission into the Annual Conference in 1848. Bishop Andrew presided over the Conference in 1848, at which he was received on trial; Rev. Horace Brown was the Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Robert Paine at the Conference held in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1852; was ordained Elder by Bishop James O. Andrew at the Palmyra Conference in 1853. At the Conference of 1851 he was received into full connection, Rev. Andrew Monroe presiding. He served the following charges: Linneus Circuit, 1848; Trenton Circuit, 1849; Milan Circuit, 1850-1851; Gallatin Circuit, 1852; Richmond, 1853-1854; New Market Circuit, 1855-1856; Hydesburg, 1857-1858; Macon City, 1859-1860; Keytesville, 1861-1862; Linneus, 1863-1864; Chillicothe District, 1865-1868; St. Joseph District, 1869-1870; St. Charles District, 1871-1872; Plattsburg District, 1873-1875; Chillicothe Station, 1876; Tenth Street, St. Joseph, 1877-1879; Spring Hill, 1880; Paris Circuit, 1881-1882; Liberty, 1883; Cameron Station, 1884-1885; Brookfield, 1886; Tripplett Circuit, 1887; Gallatin District, 1888-1889. At the Conference held in Chillicothe in 1883 he was located at its own request and was readmitted the next year. He traveled Liberty Circuit as a local preacher in the interval. Rev. Samuel C. Littlepage, now of Texas, and Miss Hulda Glaze, afterward the wife of Rev. H. A. Davis, were among the three thousand persons converted under his ministry. Brookfield class, Hughes' Church, St. John, Van Ausdale, Wintersville, Crumpacker Church, Hurst Church, Locust Creek Church, and others were organized, and fifteen churches and two parsonages were built during his active pastorates. He attended private schools about four years. He was married to Miss Sarah Ellen McHaney, January 13th, 1842. Ex-Governor Alexander Monroe Dockery, their only child, was converted when a boy. Baldwin's "Armageddon," and "The Problem of Human Life," by Wilford Hall are among the many books which were of help to him. Brother Dockery's declining days were spent principally at the home of his adopted daughter, where he passed peacefully to his reward above.



MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, CARROLLTON, MISSOURI.

By Will S. Holliday.

The first Methodist Society organized in Carrollton, Missouri, was in 1842. At that time Carrollton was on the frontier and services were held in log houses occupied by the Methodist people. A few years later the Christian people united and a church house was erected, the building being used by the various denominations. After a few years the Methodists assisted the Presbyterians in erecting a small building, and they used this jointly for some years.

In 1868 the Southern Methodists erected a substantial brick house of worship and this was used by the congregation until our handsome new church was built in 1899.

In 1898 Rev. W. B. Wheeler was sent to Carrollton, and he began to agitate the question of a new church. Within a year he had the project well under way. Captain William M. Eads, J. N. Tuley, S. W. Grace, Captain John Harrison and wife of St. Louis, Mrs. Sarah Earickson, Warren Minnis, and others responded to the call liberally, the old building was sold to the brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and our new church was a certainty.

J. N. Tuley, William M. Eads, Dr. M. W. Craton, and Dr. George R. Highsmith were appointed on a building committee to act with the pastor and active work was commenced. The building was completed the latter part of November and, on December 10, 1899, was dedicated by Dr. W. B. Palmore, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate. The total cost of the building, equipped with handsome furniture, pipe organ, pulpit, and other necessities, represented a cash outlay of $12,500. When the church was dedicated this was all paid except $1,100, which amount was paid in full the following year, Rev. H. C. Garrett finally securing the money.

Every window in the church is a beautiful memorial window, placed there by the relatives of the old saints who for years had been pillars of Methodism in Corrollton and Missouri. On account of these beautiful memorial windows the church was named the "Memorial Methodist Church."

During the year 1906 the congregation at Carrollton erected a splendid parsonage on the church lot, paid for it when completed, and now the Carrollton congregation has one of the most beautiful church properties in the Missouri Conference. This parsonage was built under the pastorate of Rev. Warren T. Whiteside.



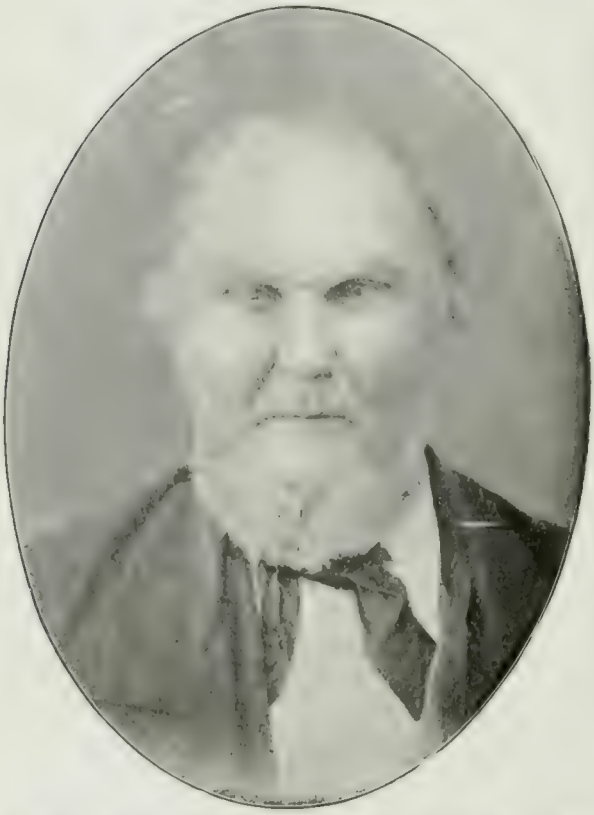
CARROLLTON PARSONAGE.

This is one of our newest parsonages and one of the best. This enterprise was begun and completed under the pastorate of Rev. Warren T. Whiteside. This house is an honor to Brother Whiteside and to our congregation at Carrollton.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER EADS.

For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly Into the Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour.

—*St. Peter.*



Rev. Martin Luther Eads was born in Louisa County, Virginia, April 6th, 1782. He married Miss Elizabeth Collins of Spottsylvania, Virginia, in 1811, and of this union there were ten children. Brother Eads' mother was a pious member of the church, by whom his mind was early impressed with the importance of a religious life, who stored his mind with the knowledge of our holy religion. He was happily converted to God in 1814, through the instrumentality of the Methodist Church and lived a devoted advocate of its doctrines and usages. He was licensed to preach in 1815, in Virginia, and in 1816 moved to Harrison County, Kentucky. Just the time he entered the itinerant connection is not known. His first Circuit was Lexington, Kentucky. After this he traveled a number of Circuits in Kentucky. In 1839 he moved to Knox County, Missouri, and in 1840 he was appointed to the Monticello Circuit, Missouri Conference; 1841, Shelbyville Circuit, two years; at the close of this year he located, but entered the traveling connection again in 1850; Huntsville Circuit, two years; 1852, Keytesville Circuit, two years; 1854, Paris Circuit; 1855, Platte City Circuit; 1856, granted a supernumerary relation and appointed to the Hydesburg Circuit, with Rev. Louis Baldwin; 1857, Huntsville Circuit, with Rev. James Penn; 1858, owing to ill health he did not take an appointment; 1859, Sturgeon, Missouri; 1860, Wellsville Circuit; 1861, Emerson Circuit; 1862, the Missouri Conference held no session; 1863, he was granted a superannuated relation in which he continued until God called him home, January 7th, 1870, age seventy-seven years and nine months. Brother Eads' character passed at each session of the Conference showing the esteem in which he was held by his brethren in the ministry. He was a faithful, zealous preacher for more than fifty years. In all this time he never disappointed a congregation, was an industrious and energetic man in all his undertakings. He preached his last sermon in November before his death in January. It was marked with more than usual force and pathos. For several years he was a great sufferer, but he evinced much resignation to the will of God. During his last illness he frequently expressed himself as anxious to depart and be with Christ, and when asked if he was willing to die, he said: "Yea, more; I am anxious to go home." When a song was being sung his spirit seemed to rise above the pain of body and sorrows of earth into a deeper, sweeter communion with God. His last remark was: "Tell my brethren that God's mercy extends even to me, and the atonement is broad enough for me to rest upon forever." He died as tranquil as a summer evening's setting sun.

HON. WILLIAM MARTIN EADS.

His knowledge, irradiated by the brightness of God shines
With a new Celestial clearness.—*Dr. Bushnell.*



William Martin Eads, son of Rev. Martin L. Eads, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born in Harrisonville, Kentucky, May 10th, 1832. At the age of six his father was transferred to the Missouri Conference and Missouri became his home. In 1849 he entered Howard High School, Fayette, Missouri, which was afterward merged into Central College. Here he distinguished himself by arduous work. His resolute will and marked individuality even so early characterizing him. In this age of liberal education it is difficult to understand how one at that period could so scan the horizon and grasp the wonderful possibilities of a College education, and undertake it dependent upon one's own personal exertion. He worked nights, mornings and Saturdays, and met his living expenses. His tuition he paid after marriage. Near the close of his graduation in 1853, President Davis of Central College was removed to Lexington, Missouri, and Mr. Eads was chosen to fill his unexpired term. He commenced life by teaching in Brunswick, and later in Carrollton, which place was his home, with only slight intermission, until death. All spare moments during school terms were devoted to reading law. He commenced practice with Colonel J. B. Hale. Hale & Eads became the most successful firm in the fifth Judicial district, celebrated in criminal practice and land litigation. He was a staunch Democrat, took active part in county, state and national politics, and was a delegate to every state and national convention for many years. He won notoriety by placing many of his friends in nomination. He was well versed in the Scriptures and the Bible was one of his text books; he was as familiar with it as with Blackstone. For years he was teacher of a large Bible class in Sunday school. He joined the church in 1878, and was recognized throughout the Conference as one of the Church's staunch supporters. He was appointed delegate to the Ecumenical Conference, which met in London in 1901. He was a strong advocate and believer in higher education, and served two years as curator of the State University, which is indebted to his efforts for many improvements. During his late years an almost unbounded love characterized his work for the church. It is pleasant to recall how, as the days went by, his restless, nervous disposition softened and quieted as he lived closer to his God. He was one of the promoters in the erection of the beautiful Memorial Church, watching from day to day, its construction and completion. He lived to worship in it two years when called home, August 29th, 1901. Taking a survey of his life, recalling his industry, his honesty, his unbounded attachment for home, friends and country; his home, no matter how far he roamed, its light still beamed in his heart; like Hamlet, one can say: "He was a man take him for all in all; I shall not look on his like again."

REV. ROBERT ARCHIBALD AUSTIN.

The Faith that keeps the Unseen in view, that brings God Within the range of vision; the Faith which lifts the Soul Into the region of Celestial light, and into the Brotherhood of The Immortals.—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. Robert Archibald Austin, son of Peter Austin and Sarah Austin, was born in Bedford County, Virginia, September 2d, 1835. He was converted at Carrollton, Missouri, during a protracted meeting held in the Baptist Church, that being the only church in town then. He joined the church under the ministry of Rev. William M. Leftwich, D. D. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference at DeWitt, Missouri, in 1855; recommended to the Missouri Annual Conference by this same Quarterly Conference; ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrew at Glasgow, Missouri, in 1857; ordained Elder at St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1859, by Bishop Paine. His first appointment was to the Trenton Mission as junior preacher in 1855; the mission consisted of twenty-eight regular appointments and was what was called a four weeks' Circuit. It embraced all of Grundy and Mercer counties and part of three others, without a church within its bounds. He considers that year, though a very laborious one, one of the happiest of his life. In 1857-1858 he had the Maryville Circuit; fall of 1858 stationed at Chillicothe; next appointment was the Rocheport Circuit, the first year after his marriage to Miss Tillie E. Williams; Stewartsville, next appointment; 1862, appointed to Keytesville Circuit; in 1865 moved to the far West; returned to Chillicothe, Missouri, June 8th, 1865; soon after his return appointed to Weston and Platte City Station; 1867, placed in charge of Weston Station; 1869 appointed to Carrollton Circuit, then put on Carrollton Station where he remained three years; 1873, Norborne Circuit; 1874, Moberly and Huntsville Station; 1876, Hannibal, Fifth Street Church; 1877 appointed Presiding Elder of Hannibal District; 1879 appointed Presiding Elder of Chillicothe District, and filled out the four years there without missing an appointment; 1883 Norborne Circuit. On January 8th, 1885, he met with a very serious accident, which confined him to the house for several weeks. By the time Conference convened he felt that he would not be able to do the work of a pastor and asked to be given a location, but they gave him a supernumerary relation. He recovered sufficiently to preach at a few points, and in protracted meetings. It was not very long before a new trouble developed, called a Compound Ganglion of the wrist, and for about three years he was incapacitated from any business or work. In 1890 he met with another accident from which he never entirely recovered by having his horse run away and throwing him out of the buggy, rendering him unconscious. It was a long time before he was able to leave his bed, and from that time to his death, though a great sufferer and unable to do but little, few men were as happy and less disposed to murmur at their lot. The names of his children are as follows: Dr. Charles S. Austin, Harry W. Austin, Robert Emmet Austin, Edward S. Austin, Flavius L. Austin and Sarah Francis Austin.

DR. CHARLES S. AUSTIN, A. M., M. D.

When faith casts every trophy down at our great captain's Feet.—*Bickersteth.*



Charles S. Austin was born in Carroll County, Missouri, November 10th, 1862. His father, Rev. Robert Archibald Austin, was born in Virginia, of Scotch-Wales descent, and come to Missouri with his mother, the youngest of a large family of children, and settled in Carroll county in the fall of 1842. His mother, Matilda E. Austin, while Missouri-born, was of Kentucky parentage, the daughter of Dr. John S. Williams, the first physician to locate in Chillicothe, Missouri. His early education was received in the private and public schools of Carrollton and Hannibal, Missouri, and in the fall of 1878, he entered the Academic Department of Central College, at Fayette, Missouri, where he pursued the full course until completed, receiving the degrees Bachelor of Arts, and in 1900 the degree of Master of Arts. He was an active member of the Aristotelian Literary Society and Y. M. C. A., and became a member of the church during a series of meetings held in the college chapel in 1880. Shortly after graduation he began the study of medicine by first learning the practical workings of a pharmacist, and graduating in medicine from the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, Missouri, in the spring of 1887. Immediately upon his return home he formed a partnership with his early preceptor, Dr. Peter E. Austin, and has continued in active work until the present time. In 1891 he pursued an extended course of post-graduate work in New York City. In his early practice he was elected several terms to the office of Coroner of Carroll County, and was for several weeks Acting Sheriff of the county until a successor was appointed. He has filled the various offices in the county medical societies and city and county Boards of Health, and was Secretary of the Board of United States Pension Examiners during the last Cleveland administration. For several years he held the position of Surgeon with the rank of Major in the Fourth Regiment Infantry, National Guard of Missouri.

In 1891 he was married to Miss Mattie C. Martin, daughter of Mr. R. G. Martin, of Carrollton, Missouri, to whom one son, Harold, has been born.

For several years he has been a member and treasurer of the Board of Curators of Central College for Women, Lexington, Missouri, and while perhaps not an aggressive worker among the Alumni of Central College, he has usually kept well informed of progress and looks with keen gratification upon the gradual and healthy growth and development of his Alma Mater and bespeaks a growth of unprecedented magnitude under the guidance and management of its present officers.



REV. ROBERT N. T. HOLLIDAY.

Soldiers of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ.—*James Montgomery.*

Rev. Robert N. T. Holliday was born in Paris, Tennessee, November 21st, 1832. His father, William Holliday, was a physician and a local preacher in the Methodist Church. Brother Holliday was converted when about sixteen years old in Tennessee, and from the time of his conversion until his death there was a continual upward tendency in his religious life until he became a mature man in Christ. He was licensed to preach by the Waverly, Illinois, Quarterly Conference in 1853, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1857, at Glasgow, Missouri; Rev. Andrew Monroe, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Andrew presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Paine in September, 1859, at St. Joseph, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh at Hannibal, Missouri, in August, 1865. He served the following charges: St. Charles Circuit, Maysville, Stewartsville, St. Joseph Circuit, Weston and Platte City, Shelbyville, Canton, Hydesburg, Millville, Richmond, Carrollton, Louisiana, St. Charles and O'Fallon. He was married to Miss Sofiah Frances Deatherage, April 25th, 1853, and their children are Leston A. Holliday, Orlando B. Holliday, John H. Holliday and Will S. Holliday. Brother Holliday was a preacher of ability and at times his friends said of him that he rose to the sublime heights of inspired pulpit utterance. Memories of those sermons abide. Brother Holliday died at the home of his oldest son in Carrollton, Missouri, August 26th, 1881.

REV. WILLIAM PERKINS.

But Oh, what shall it be when we shall bask with steady wing And kindled eye in the overwhelming splendors of the full tide of Jehovah's love, unveiled and cloudless.—*Dr. William E. Munsey.*

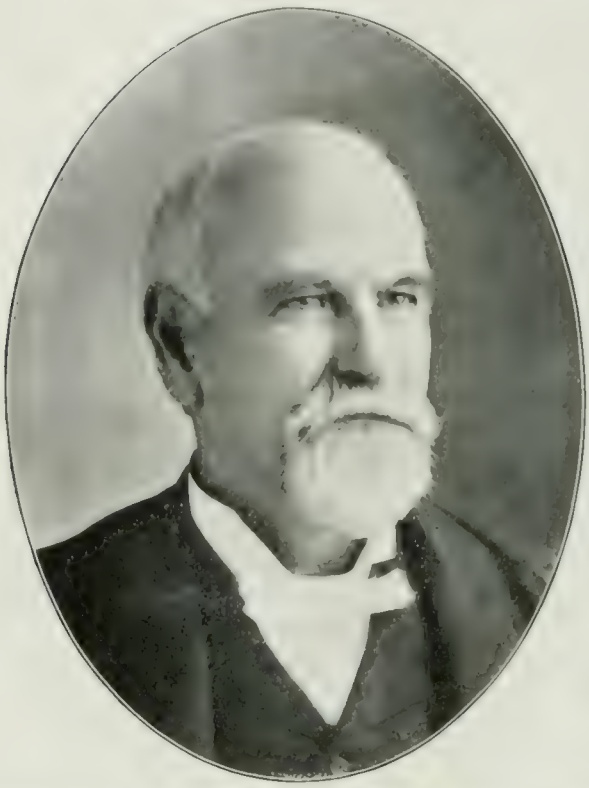


Rev. William Perkins was born in Goochland County, Virginia, August 2d, 1800. He was married in 1824 to Martha Henry, a grand daughter of Patrick Henry. He was licensed to preach in 1828 and joined the Missouri Conference in 1853 and served Stations, Circuits and Districts until superannuated in 1870. He was graduated from Hampden Sidney College, Virginia. Though fifty-three years old before he became an itinerant, forty-three years were given to faithful work for the Master, the far-reaching results of which eternity alone can reveal. "Full many a gem of purest ray serene, the dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear." These lines were never more applicable than to the subject of this sketch. He was loyal to the doctrines and polity of Southern Methodism, clinging unflinchingly to the "old ship," amid the raging billows of the Civil war. He was eloquent in the pulpit, soaring at times to the very heights of the Delectable Mountains. He lived well but preached some of his best sermons while quite on the verge of Heaven, as he lay upon his death-bed. Alluding to the bliss beyond he would exclaim: "Not only Glory, but weight of Glory; not only weight of Glory, but eternal weight of Glory! My way is clear!" He died triumphantly at his home in Linneus, Missouri, January 31st, 1871. When reared by such a father how could his children and grandchildren fail to walk in his steps.

Dr. P. H. Perkins, son of Rev. William Perkins, was born in Henry County, Virginia, January 22d, 1829. He was converted about 1843, at Old Chariton Baptist Church, in a meeting conducted by his father, the Rev. William Perkins, and others. The mourner's bench at that day was an indispensable auxiliary to a revival meeting and for several days he had been kneeling at the altar when a light seemed to break upon his way; he knew his sins were forgiven, and he has never since doubted nor forgotten the impression made upon him at that time. His will to do good is stronger than ever before. He was married the first time to Miss Mary J. Guthrie, March 1st, 1847, and two children were born to them, Charles E. Perkins and Lulu E. Perkins. He was married again to Miss Martha A. Flood, April 17th, 1866, and four children were born of this marriage, namely, Fannie F. Perkins, Mineola Perkins, William F. Perkins and Henry O. Perkins. Mrs. Rosalie Bradley of Linneus, Missouri, and Mr. J. D. Perkins of California, also children of Rev. William Perkins, are occupying positions of honor and trust in the church, striving for the best in life and for a home in Heaven. This sketch is signed by Dr. P. H. Perkins, Mrs. R. S. Bradley, Mrs. M. E. Dryden and Dr. L. O. Hume.

REV. CHARLES THOMPSON McANALLY, M.D.

Bright o'er thy hills dawns the day-star of gladness.



Charles Thompson McAnally, son of Dr. D. R. McAnally and Maria Thompson McAnally, was born in Asheville, North Carolina, April 7th, 1841. He graduated from the St. Louis Medical College when he was twenty-one years of age and immediately started South to join the Confederate army. He served as surgeon during the War, and at the close of the siege of Vicksburg, was left in charge of the Confederate hospital. While there he met Miss Elizabeth Bowie, whom he married, August 11th, 1865. Their union was a singularly happy one, and to them were born five children, two of whom died in infancy, and another, Julia, passed away just as she was budding into beautiful young womanhood. The two surviving are Charles David McAnally of Clarence, Missouri, and Mrs. Margaret McAnally Blackburn of St. Louis. After the war he successfully engaged in the practice of his profession, but feeling that he was called to follow in the steps of his father and grandfathers for five generations, he was licensed to preach October 31st, 1868, by the Quarterly Conference of Mount Olivet Church, Yazoo District, Mississippi. He was elected local Deacon at the twenty-fifth session of the St. Louis Conference, October 16th, 1872, and ordained by Bishop Marvin at the Carondalet Church, March 23d, 1873. On September 4th, 1874, he entered the Illinois Conference. Two years later he was ordained Elder by Bishop Paine at Jacksonville. In Illinois he served the following charges: Effingham, Clay City, Rome, Patoka, El Dara, Tioga, Ashley and Rushville District. For ten years he was Conference secretary. In 1888 he was transferred to the Missouri Conference and was assigned successively to Hunnewell, La Belle, Clarence, Callao, Breckenridge and Jamesport. His was a large faith; to him God was not a stern, unrelenting Judge, enthroned in majesty at a chilling distance from sinning, suffering humanity, but rather a tender, loving father to whom he could always turn for sympathy and guidance. So he magnified prayer in his life. Many a time when things seemed hopelessly tangled he met the difficult situation with "Let us pray," and as he pleaded with the Father for guidance and direction, for Christian charity, for brotherly love, for peace—human passions subsided as quietly as the boisterous waves at the voice of the Master on the Sea of Gallilee. A book that was often in his hands was "Touching Incidents and Answers to Prayer." After his death we found it filled with book marks and containing many clippings along the same line of thought, one of these was:

"I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know—God answers prayer;
I know not when he sends the word
That tells us fervent prayer is heard,
I know it cometh soon or late,
Therefore, we need to pray and wait.
I know not if the blessing sought
Will come in just the guise I thought,
I leave my prayers with Him alone,
Whose will is wiser than my own."

REV. D. M. PROCTOR.

The Resurrection Morning is a true sun-rising; the inbursting
Of a cloudless day on all the righteous dead.—*Dr. Bushnell.*



Rev. D. M. Proctor was born August 6th, 1830, in McNairy County, Tennessee. He was a son of John C. Proctor and Mary Proctor, both of whom joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, after their son had united with that church. He was converted in July, 1848, at Ebenezer Church, Memphis, Conference, under the ministry of Rev. Levi Lee, and joined that church at the same time. A saving influence came with his marriage to a very religious wife in his nineteenth year. His conversion was sudden and without a doubt in regard to the pardon of his sins. Brother Proctor wrote, "Many times have I been like David, 'All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me,' yet under the most trying circumstances, through which I have passed, the blessed Master has come to my grief-stricken soul and said 'Be not afraid, it is I.'" He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Mt. Vernon Circuit in July, 1856; Rev. James McGehee, preacher in charge, and Rev. T. T. Ashby, Presiding Elder; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference in 1858, and he was received into the Annual Conference that year; Rev. Thomas T. Ashby, Presiding Elder, and Bishop George F. Pierce, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, October 14th, 1860; was ordained Elder by Bishop Robert Paine, November 13th, 1864, at Aberdeen, Mississippi. He served the following appointments: Enon Mission, 1858-1859; Steeleville Circuit, 1859-1860;Stockton Circuit, 1860-1861; Springfield Circuit, 1860-1861; no appointment from 1861 to 1863; Coffeyville, 1864-1865; Richmond, 1865-1867; Liberty, 1867-1869; Paris Circuit, 1869-1871; Honey Grove Circuit, 1871-1873; Superannuated, 1873-1874; Sylvan Circuit, 1874-1875; Robinsonville Circuit, 1875-1876; Greenville Circuit, 1876-1878; Nevada, Southwest Missouri Conference, 1878-1879; Jefferson Circuit, North Texas Conference, 1879-1880; Agent for North Texas Female College, 1880-1881; Henrietta and Wichita Falls Mission, 1882-1883; Linneus, 1883-1884; Carrollton, 1885-1887; Osborn Circuit, 1887-1889; Platte City and Weston Circuit, 1889-1890; and other charges. He received about one thousand persons into the church. Dr. Shotwell, now of Gainesville, Texas, Rev. James H. Shaw, and Rev. Malcolm Henry, were among the men who were converted under his ministry. About seven churches, and one parsonage were built, and several parsonages bought and repaired under his pastorates. Brother Proctor was twice married, the first time to Miss Mary C. Fowler, to whom he was married in August, 1848; and the second time to Mrs. Mary M. Hudgins.

REV. LOVIC PIERCE LAW, EVANGELIST.

A Christian is God's knight-errant in the earth, sworn to fealty To society and to the common weal of all the world.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*



Lovic Pierce Law was named after the wonderful old patriarch of Methodism, Lovic Pierce, but he tried for many years to keep out of the avocation of the worthy man for whom he was named, but at last submitted to the gentle influences of the Holy Spirit and the loving entreaties of a Godly father and mother and gave himself to the Lord and ministry. He was born in Bosque County, Texas, at the little town of Iredell, where at that time his father was an itinerant Circuit Rider in the Methodist Church, South. He moved with his parents afterwards to San Saba, Rockdale, Davilia, Chappel Hill, and other points in Texas, where his father was pastor. For many years after attaining the years of manhood, he felt the call to preach, but seeing the hardships ensuing from a consecrated Christian life of a preacher, he ran from God, and for several years was Deputy Marshal and United States Jailer in the Indian Territory and had followed almost every calling making partial successes, yet at all times feeling the call to preach, but refusing to obey. The crowning event seems to have culminated in the great Galveston storm, when on that eventful night God again called his vows to remembrance and urged that they be paid. He afterward drifted to Cameron, Texas, and became manager and lessee of the Cameron Opera House and while in this capacity rented the opera house for an Evangelistic service, conducted by the Late W. P. Fife, Drummer Evangelist, and under his ministry gave his heart to God and ever since has been a faithful Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Brother Law is wonderfully blessed in having one of the best wives in the world, who ably assists him in his Evangelistic work in addition to his Gospel Singer, who handles the great Chorus Choirs. He has worked a great deal in Missouri and our churches have felt and seen a great uplift and Missouri Methodism has had many added to the church through his faithful efforts.

His work is his best recommendation.

Brother Law and Brother John E. Brown for years have been connected by the strongest friendship ties as well as in business life, and are today much like Jones and Stewart in their devotion to each other.



REV. WILLIAM E. TINNEY.

Fly on, blessed Gospel! Make men's nature love, their character Holiness, and thus eternally establish the law divine.—*Dr. Wm. E. Munsey.*

Rev. William E. Tinney is the son of Alfred Tinney and Mary Elizabeth Tinney, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was born April 28th, 1871, at Memphis, Scotland County, Missouri. He was converted in November, 1896, at Memphis, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. R. F. Campbell, and joined the church at that time. He had a bright conversion, and this conversion changed the whole course of his life. He has made good progress in the divine life, and the way grows brighter all the while. He was licensed to preach April 22nd, 1898, by the Macon District Conference, Rev. John Anderson, D. D., Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the same District Conference at the same time and he was received into the Annual Confrence on trial in September, 1898; Rev. John Anderson, D. D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop W. A. Candler, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler, at St. Joseph, Missouri, September 8th, 1901; ordained Elder by Bishop Chas. B. Galloway, September 6th, 1903, at Mexico, Missouri. He has served the following charges: Brashear Circuit, two years; Humphreys Circuit, two years; Bogard Circuit, three years; Linneus Circuit, two years. About two hundred and fifty persons have been received into the church under his ministry. Baird's Chapel, in Carroll County, has been built, the church remodeled at Purdin, Missouri, and the parsonage remodeled at Humphreys, Missouri, under his pastorates. Brother Tinney received his education in the public school at Memphis, Missouri, and at Centenary College, Palmyra, Missouri. September 3rd, 1891, he was married to Miss Linnie Darling, and their children are: Frank Alfred Tinney, William Craig Tinney and Ruth Tinney. The most important crisis in his life, aside from his conversion and his call to preach, was the call to the Evangelistic field, which he was four years considering, but finally yielded to it in March, 1907. Some of the books which have been helpful to him, aside from the Bible, are Gipsy Smith's Biography, Wesley's Sermons, Homiletic Review, Matthew Henry's Commentary. Brother Tinney believes the higher education of our young people should be given over to the church. He has learned how to hold successful revivals of religion and to bring up all of his church work.

REV. TYSON S. DINES.

Faith walks across the unstable wave, and climbs the steeps of Air.—*Dr. F. B. Meyer.*



Tyson S. Dines was born in Dorchester County, Maryland, 1811; converted at Ennal's Campground at twenty-one years of age; was licensed to preach by Dorchester Circuit Quarterly Conference, 1837; was employed on Northampton Circuit, 1838, by Rev. Levi Scott, Presiding Elder; came to Missouri, 1839, and was employed on the Shelbyville Circuit as junior preacher. He entered the Missouri Conference in September, with Rev. W. G. Chapel and others, and returned to Shelbyville Circuit. His name disappears from the roll in 1849. He returned to Virginia and married. In 1845 he settled permanently in Missouri and from that time was identified with the work and history of the church here. He was sent to Waterloo Circuit, 1845, and to Fayette, 1846. In 1847, he was ordained Elder and sent West for Mission work with Thos. Johnson; returned to Missouri next year and served Shelbyville Circuit; superannuated, 1849; Quincy, 1850; Louisiana, 1851; Hannibal, 1852; traveled, 1853; Fayette District, 1854; Agent for Conference Tract Society, 1855; superannuated, 1856 to 1857; Glasgow, 1858-1859; St. Charles, 1860-1861; in St. Louis County during the troubled period of 1862-1865, yet preaching at Flint Hill and other places as he could. Superannuated, 1866; and at Richmond, 1867-1868; Brunswick, 1869-1870. The last appointment was Shelbyville Station, 1872. Then came years of suffering until his death, February 15th, 1881.

Mr. Dines was a man of strong convictions, and hence preached a pointed gospel. The teachings that seemed to be erroneous found no place of rest with him. Tradition tells of discussions and debates with a famous preacher of another order and victory according to the admission of his opponent. Yet love predominated even toward those of other faiths. "He was not afraid to think; he had opinions upon all the current questions of his time, and being a man of studious habits, and of strong convictions, it was but natural that he should be tenacious of his own opinions. In his pulpit ministrations he was earnest, guarded and safe. He relied for results upon a lucid statement of the truth, rather than upon rhetorical devices. His Christian character was so well developed and so well known as to need no analysis here; all will remember him as a man of spotless life and unfaltering integrity, the material of which martyrs are made. He combined with a warm and generous nature a rich experience of divine things." In his last sickness, after years of suffereing, he said: "I would like to be permitted to preach one more sermon on faith; I think I understand it better than ever before." His sufferings were the fire to refine him, and he wept for joy in the midst of affliction. With other strong men of his day he towers as some mighty oak of the forest. His name is blessed, for he helped to bring in the present day of success. Mr. Dines was a member of the General Conference of 1858, held at Nashville, Tennessee, and was elected to the Conference of 1862. That was not held on account of the war.

MR. JACOB A. MERCHANT.

Virtue alone outbuilds the pyramids;
Her monuments shall last, when Egypt's fall.—*Young.*



Jacob A. Merchant was born March 13th, 1837, near what is now the beautiful little "Border City" of the South—Bristol—located on the border line of Tennessee and Virginia—on the Virginia side of the line. His parents came to Missouri in 1847, when he was a ten year old lad, and located in Brunswick, where he has resided ever since. He was educated in the public schools, and, at the age of fourteen years, entered one of the largest mercantile houses of that place, which at that time, was one of the largest commercial centers in Missouri; its trade reaching out far North, beyond the Iowa line, which was designated as the "Grand River Country." This was before the "iron horse" ventured West of the Mississippi river. Soon thereafter, he was placed in charge of the books and office of Nova & Adamantine Johnson, a well known business house of that day, which did an immense business in this belt of country, then tributary to Brunswick. Upon the reorganization of this old firm, he was given an interest in, and made junior member of the new firm while he had not yet reached the age of twenty-one years. In January, 1858, he became converted and joined the Methodist Church during a revival conducted by the "Great and Gifted Caples." Upon the retiring of the Johnson firm, he embarked in business, on his own account, in 1860, in which he continued until 1875. He then entered the Banking House of Plunkett and Merchant, which was finally merged into the Chariton County Exchange Bank, which he organized in 1877, and was elected Cashier, and this position he has held ever since, having been engaged in banking for over thirty years. In December, 1866, he was married to Miss Plunkett, and this union has been blessed with three daughters and one son. His home has ever been one of old time hospitality, where his many friends, and especially the ministry, are always welcome. In this home he has one of the best rooms set apart as a "Memorial Room," and in this has nicely arranged all the ancient furniture with which his parents commenced housekeeping, away back in 1835, and which he has preserved all these long years, together with quite a number of interesting articles of his boyhood days. Mr. Merchant is gifted with a remarkable memory, and is regarded, among his friends, as a "walking encyclopedia" on the current events and dates of the past half century—seldom ever forgetting a name or face. In 1894, he was chosen one of the members of the Board of Missions of the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he has been Treasurer ever since, making one of the most efficient and painstaking Treasurers the church has ever had. And now, though nearing the three score and ten mile post in life's journey, he is as vigorous, active and attentive to business as most men of many years his junior in age. During this long period of time, he has not been absent from his post of duty as much as thirty days on account of sickness.

MRS. P. P. MUNSEY.

The Incarnate Son is the infinite yearning of God toward Man.
—*Bishop Marvin.*



Permelia P. Munsey was born on Cripple Creek, Wythe County, Virginia, November 16th, 1812. She was the daughter of Reuben and Mollie Hill. Her grandfather Hill was a Baptist preacher in Virginia for about seventy-five years. Her brother, James Hill, was long a Methodist preacher. He was called by the boys "Old Camp Meeting," on account of the melody of his song, beauty of his exhortation and the power of his prayer. Her mother was named Wooldridge. Several of the Wooldridge family were preachers—one belongs to the Oklahoma Conference. She was married at the age of twenty to David Munsey, son of Rev. Zachariah Munsey, who was a local preacher in the Holston Conference. He was among the most eccentric, brainful and successful preachers of his day. Her husband became a preacher, and was murdered by parties under the influence of whiskey in Georgia, in 1869. Grandma Munsey, (as she was called for years), came to Missouri in 1867 and settled in the forks of Grand River, on the Spring Hill Circuit, Missouri Conference. Her first pastor was the pious, sainted S. W. Cope. Her first Presiding Elder the big hearted, happy Willis E. Dockery. From girlhood she was one of the most potent, religious factors in the church wherever she held membership. How many preachers who were fed from her table, clothed from her wheel and loom, have and will call her blessed. She prayed, exhorted and shouted through the class meetings and camp meetings. For many years she was a member of Mt. Olive Class, Spring Hill Circuit. She died at the age of eighty-three and is buried in Mt. Olive Cemetery. Her children, William Elbert Munsey, D. D., who sleeps at Jonesborough, Tennessee; Nancy Jane Tracy, so gifted and devout, who rests in a country grave yard in Virginia; Permelia D. Wilson, President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, Colorado Springs; Mary L. Alnutt, long a devoted member of the church at Chillicothe, Missouri, now of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Sarah M. Tracy, many years President of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Neosho Circuit, Southwest Missouri Conference; also Rev. J. D. Z. Munsey, of Oklahoma Conference. Permelia P. Munsey has been the Susanna Wesley, or Mother of Methodism in a number of places.

REV. JOHN R. DIVELBISS.

And they shall see His face.—*St. John.*

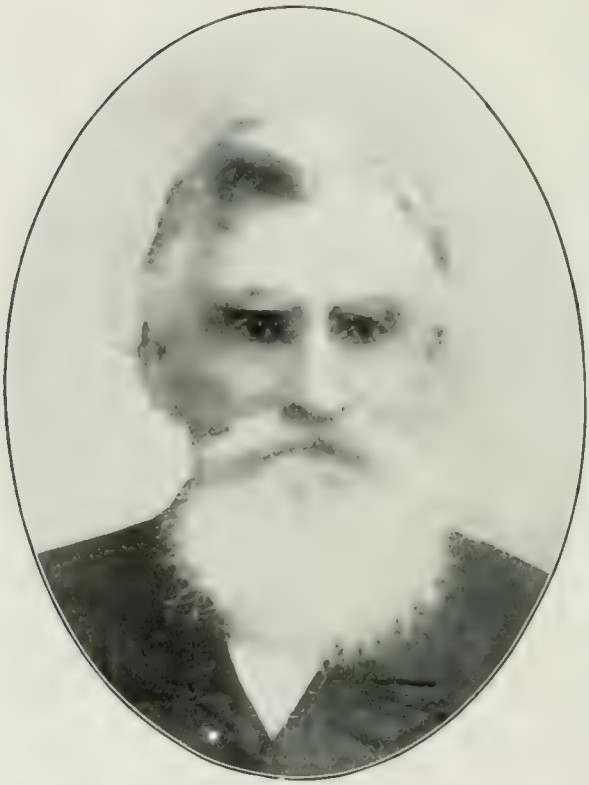
By Rev. Geo. J. Warren.



Rev. John R. Divelbiss was born near Tinney's Grove, Ray County, Missouri, March 24th, 1857. He was converted and joined the church in June, 1874, under the ministry of Revs. J. L. Meffert and H. T. Leeper. He joined the Missouri Conference in September, 1884, and traveled various charges in this Conference until September, 1892, when at the call of the church for volunteers, he was transferred by Bishop Galloway to the Indian Mission Conference, and stationed at El Reno, Oklahoma. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix at Mexico, Missouri, in September, 1887, and Elder by Bishop Joseph S. Key, at Fayette, Missouri, in September, 1889. He was married to Miss Mary C. Adams, of Chariton County, Missouri, May 3rd, 1892. To them was born one child, a son, who with the wife are left to the care of the church and the sympathy of God. His pastorate at El Reno was successful, though short. Scarce four months had passed, when he was stricken with disease, which resulted in his death at the residence of Dr. Garnett, near Keytesville, Missouri, July 6th, 1893. He was buried near where he was born, and born again, to await the resurrection of the just. Thus passed from labor to rest and reward a faithful Christian minister. He died as he had lived, trusting in Christ, his present Saviour. Through his long and painful illness no murmur or complaint escaped his lips; he bore his suffering with the fortitude of a Christian soldier, trusting implicity his Great Captain; ready to do or die at His command. I knew our departed brother longer and more intimately than any other member of our Conference, and I want to pay this loving tribute to his memory. He was a pure minded, pure hearted Christian man; a faithful, diligent, brave and humble minister of the gospel; a true, genial, confiding, faithful friend. He leaves to his now bereaved wife and infant son the heritage of a good name and the memory of a well spent life; to his brethren an example of fidelity unto death; to the church the honor of being the mother of so pure and true a son. God bless the widow in her sorrow and loneliness, and care for the orphan in its helplessness, fulfilling His promise. Sister Mary C. Divelbiss lives to care for her son, Warren Anderson Divelbiss, and it is to be hoped that he will come to noble manhood. The parents of Brother Divelbliss live in Braymer, Missouri, and a brother, Judge Frank P. Divelbiss, lives in Richmond, Missouri. He is Judge of Probate in Ray County.

REV. HENRY THOMAS LEEPER.

Love at its divinest consummation is self-sacrifice.—*Bishop Haygood.*



Rev. Henry Thomas Leeper was born July 3rd, 1836, near Spring Hill, Missouri. His parents, John L. Leeper and Amanda F. Leeper, were Methodists all their lives. He was converted August 20th, 1845, under the ministry of Rev. Horace Brown, who held a meeting near his home at Spring Hill. His father and mother had given him quite a good deal of instruction on the subject of religion. He had been concerned for some time about his soul's salvation and had gone up to the altar with a very heavy heart, but suddenly a wonderful light broke in upon his soul and he was gloriously converted. His growth has been increasing continually since that time and he feels today the fullness of His love in his heart. He was licensed to preach July 15th, 1868, by the Quarterly Conference of Spring Hill Circuit; Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder, and Rev. S. W. Cope, preacher in charge; the Quarterly Conference of the Chillicothe District recommended him to the Annual Conference in August, 1872; he was received into the Annual Conference in 1874; Rev. S. W. Cope, Presiding Elder, and Bishop J. C. Keener, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Wightman, September 14th, 1873, at Carrollton, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop D. S. Doggett, September 15th, 1878, at Macon Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Pleasant Park, two years; Mandeville, two years; Bedford, two years; Kingston, two years; Mandeville, one year; Maysville, two years; Dearborn, two years; Lineville, two years; Edinburgh, two years; Jamesport, one year; Breckenridge, one year; Pattonsburg, one year; Jameson, three years; Ashland, two years; Clifton Hill, three years. He has received one thousand one hundred and sixty-eight persons into the church. Quite a number of churches and parsonages have been built under his pastorates. Far West, Bethel, a church on the Ashland Circuit; parsonages at Mandeville, Dearborn, Jameson. He attended several private schools, one at Chillicothe, and Central College, Fayette, Missouri. He was married to Miss Cordelia Leeper, in December, 1869, and their children are, David R. Leeper, Margaret H. Knight, James E. Leeper, Ruby L. Cammock. Baxter's "Saints Rest" and Pilgrim's Progress, are two books which have greatly helped him.

REV. ERASMUS MARION CAPP.

Ipse autem Deus pacis sanctificet vos totos.
And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly.—*St. Paul.*



Rev. Erasmus Marion Capp, son of Michael P. Capp and Margaret J. Capp, both very staunch believers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born in Monroe County, Missouri, January 2nd, 1857. He was converted in 1875, at Cairo, Missouri, in a meeting held by Rev. Thomas De Moss, and joined the church at the close of that meeting. As he sat in the congregation under deep conviction, examining his past life, a friend came to him, and putting his arm around him, asked him if he wasn't ready to give himself to Jesus. He gave himself to God that night, and thinks he was called to preach in 1878, but did not yield until 1885, when he burned all the bridges behind him and entered the service of the Lord in the ministry. The past five years have been years of deeper hungering for soul winning. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Cairo Circuit in 1885; Rev. John Payton, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. P. Nolan, D. D., Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the same Quarterly Conference, August 1st, 1886, and was received into the Annual Conference, September, 1886, Rev. J. P. Nolan, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix at Gallatin, Missouri, September 9th, 1888, and ordained Elder by Bishop Joseph S. Key at Fayette, Missouri, Septemmber 14th, 1890. Appointments filled are: Queen City Circuit, 1886, two years; Brashear Circuit, 1888, two years; Callao Circuit, 1890, one year; Laplata Circuit, 1891, three years; Brashear Circuit, 1894, one year; Paris Circuit, 1895, three years; Palmyra Circuit, 1898, two years; Fayette Circuit, 1900, one year; Callao Circuit, 1901; closed that year caused by the death of Rev. D. M. Proctor; Norborne Circuit, 1902, one year; DeWitt Circuit, 1903, one year; Chillicothe Circuit, 1904, two years; and his present charge. He has received about five hundred persons into the church during his ministry, and has improved quite a number of churches and parsonages. He attended Central College ten months. He was married to Miss Euphema C. Huntsman, April 3rd, 1879, and his children are Inez J. Capp, Margaret Ruth Capp and Nona May Beery, wife of Rev. J. K. Beery. The books which have been very helpful to him aside from the Bible, are "Half Hours of St. Paul," "Ralston's Elements of Divinity," "Watson's Institutes," "Life of McKendree," "Life of Dr. J. B. McFerrin," "Marvin's Life and Book of Sermons." He advocates very strongly the Christian College as furnishing the highest type of Christian education for young men and women.



REV. ELMORE CARLYLE.

His presence in the soul is a life-expanding and a life-glorifying Presence.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

Rev. Elmore Carlyle was born in Livingston County, Missouri, November 2nd, 1842. He was baptized and received into the church by the Rev. W. T. Ellington in 1858. He came into the ministry in the regular way by being licensed to exhort in April and to preach the following August, 1862. His first appointment to do pastoral work was by Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder of the Chillicothe District. Brother Dockery appointed him in April, 1866, to the Chillicothe Circuit, which work he served to the best of his ability until the meeting of the Annual Conference. His next appointment was to the Milan Circuit in Sullivan County, Missouri, in March, 1867, Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder. It was while serving this charge that he achieved the greatest success of his ministerial life, there being something more than three hundred conversions and additions to the church during the two and one half years he spent there. He was received on trial into the Missouri Conference at Macon City in September, 1867, and ordained Deacon by Bishop Marvin. Four years later, at the Conference in Palmyra, he was ordained Elder by Bishop D. S. Doggett. He traveled the Milan Circuit, two and one half years; the LaGrange Circuit, two years; Alexandria Circuit, two years; Memphis Circuit, two years; Edina Circuit, two years; Linneus Circuit, three years. While serving the Linneus Circuit the third year his health failed. He is now one of our superannuated preachers, and he suffers the divine will, as he once did that will.

REV. WARD COOK MAGGART.

God our friend, Christ our living Redeemer, our sympathizing Brother.—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*



Rev. Ward Cook Maggart was born in West Virginia in 1839. His father, Samuel Maggart, and mother, Nancy Maggart, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted when a boy under the ministry of Rev. William Shaw and joined the church at that time. He was converted while at secret prayer in the grove and has never had a doubt about his conversion since that time, and during the last fifteen years has had a continuous growth in grace. He was licensed to preach in 1868, by the Quarterly Conference held at Elmwood, Sullivan County, Missouri; Rev. S. S. Hardin, pastor, and Rev. S. W. Atterberry, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of Black Oak, Caldwell County, Missouri; Rev. R. A. Austin, Presiding Elder, and he was received into the Annual Conference at Moberly, Missouri in 1881; Rev. R. A. Austin, Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Keener in 1874; ordained Elder by Bishop David S. Doggett in 1878. He has filled the following appointments: Tinney's Grove, two years; Breckenridge, one year; Chillicothe Circuit, two years; Triplett, two years; DeWitt, two years; Alexander Chapel, three years; Kahoka Circuit, one year; Palmyra Circuit, two years; Maywood Circuit, one year; Novelty, one year; Center, Ralls County, two years; Florida, two years; New Florence, two years; Mound City, one year; Eagleville, one year. Quite a number have been converted and received into the church under his ministry. Centenary Church, on the Chillicothe Circuit, was built under his pastorate, and the church at Mooresville was finished under his direction. He received his education in the public schools of his day. He was married to Miss Sarah Garew in 1858, and the names of their children are as follows: Richard W. Maggart, Nancy E. Maggart, Amanda C. Maggart, Alexander H. Maggart, Eliza J. Maggart, Margaret E. Maggart, Jessie L. Maggart, Ida Lee Maggart and Rev. L. C. Maggart. Two boys, Melvin N. Maggart and Alfred Maggart, are now dead. Brother Maggart considers the Christian College as a great aid to the church. Brother Maggart is one of the useful men of the Missouri Conference. Now that the latter days have come, may the God and Father of all grace be with him.

REV. HENRY NEIGHBOURS.

Revocate animos, maestumque timorem Mittite.—Virgil.
Resume your courage, and dismiss your fear.—*Dryden.*



Rev. Henry Neighbours, son of John Neighbours and Nancy Neighbours, both of whom are members of the Methodist Church, was born in Green County, Illinois, November 16th, 1868. He was very clearly and wonderfully converted when thirteen years of age at a camp meeting held about twelve miles South of Jacksonville, Illinois, and joined the church at Mt. Zion, Methodist Episcopal Church, in Morgan County, Illinois, during the ministry of Rev. S. G. Ferree. While kneeling in prayer in his father's tent, during a special prayer service conducted by Brother L. B. Kent, he realized, as an instant flash of light, that his sins were forgiven, and he felt as if he had stepped from out a dark dungeon into the clear, bright light of the noonday sun; the trees seemed crowned with a radiant light and all heaven and nature seemed to sing together a heavenly anthem of praise to the Creator of all. During a revival in a country church the following winter, conducted by Rev. S. G. Ferree, while working for the salvation of souls and praying God for greater spiritual power in the work of winning souls, the spirit of truth opened the way and led him to understand more of God's fullness and love; his will for doing good was greatly strengthened, and as he worked for Him, learned to love Him more, and loving Him more, was filled with a greater love for all mankind. He was licensed to preach in the spring of 1901, by the St. Joseph District Conference at Rockport, Missouri; Rev. V. O. White, of Centenary Chuch, St. Joseph, Missouri, was preacher in charge at that time, and Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., was Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Missouri Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Chillicothe District Conference, held at DeWitt, Missouri, April 17th, 1902, and was received into the Missouri Annual Conference in the fall of 1902, at Chillicothe, Missouri; Rev. M. L. Gray was Presiding Elder and Bishop A. W. Wilson presided at this Annual Conference. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix at Columbia, Missouri, September, 1904. He served at Green Castle one year as supply; from there he went to Humphreys, where he served two years, and from there to Hale, Missouri, where he served two years; Mt. Olive Circuit. Forty-eight persons have been received into the church during the four years of his ministry; his education was received at the High School in Illinois and the Missouri Wesleyan College at Cameron, Missouri. He was married to Miss Mary Noble, December 18th, 1895, and has one child, Ray E. Neighbours. He considers the most important crisis in his life was when he yielded to the call of God and entered His service in the ministry. He considers the Christian College as of very great importance in the development of men of character; he deems the moral and intellectual atmosphere, as well as the religious influences, of Christian schools very essential and potent factors for good.

REV. JOSEPH N. BOYD.

This life is a study that shall forever unfold, in wondrous Beauty, the love and faithfulness of God.—*Dr. Bushnell.*



Rev. Joseph N. Boyd was born in Clinton County, Missouri, near Plattsburg, March 11th, 1872. He is a son of Alfred R. Boyd and Margaret E. Boyd, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in Richmond, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. J. H. Ledbetter, and joined the church in March, 1889. He had been under conviction for many months and at times sought the Lord with earnest purpose of heart. It was a difficult thing for him to reach the surrender, but after some days of seeking, and a night spent in prayer, he made the surrender; then light came and the peace of God was his soul's possession. He has grown in the knowledge of the truth and the deeper things of God, and each year there has been a stronger purpose to do the will of God and to enter more fully into the spirit of the Master. He is striving to possess each day that love which casteth out fear and makes man more like his Lord. He was licensed to preach by the Plattsburg District Conference in March, 1896; Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., was preacher in charge, and Dr. E. K. Miller, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference by this same District Conference in April, 1899. He was received into the Annual Conference in 1899, Rev. C. Grimes, Presiding Elder, and Bishop John C. Granbery, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Warren A. Candler, in 1901, at St. Joseph, Missouri; was ordained Elder at Mexico, Missouri, by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, in September, 1903. He has served the following appointments: Supply on Parkville Circuit, one year; Cameron, one year; Kearney and Holt, one year; Polo Circuit, two years; Milan Station, three years; he is now serving his first year at Norborne Station. He has received into the church four hundred and sixty-six persons. The parsonage at Milan was built under his pastorate. He attended Richmond High School, Central College and Woodson Institute. He was graduated from these institutions and taught one year in Woodson Institute. He was married to Miss Lolla J. Woods, January 2nd, 1901, and they have one little girl, Margaret Elizabeth Boyd. He considers his conversion and call to the ministry as possibly the most important crisis in his life. Some of the books which have helped him most, aside from the Bible, are Shakespeare's Works, The Revival and the Pastor, the Pastor and Modern Missions, Stevens History of Methodism, Menzie's History of Religions, Plutarch's Lives of Illustrious Men, Skilled Labor for the Master, and some of the books on the social question, viz: Jesus Christ and the Social Question, and The Social Message of the Modern Pulpit.



MILAN CHURCH.

REV. H. L. DAVENPORT, PASTOR.

Rev. Ward M. Baker was the builder of this elegant new church at Milan, Missouri. He prayed this house into being. Our people at Milan did nobly. Rev. Dr. W. F. McMurry dedicated this church.



REV. HARRY L. DAVENPORT.

The Kingdom of God is collecting its energies for the final Campaign for the Conquest of the world.—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Prof. C. F. Johns,

Principal High School, Milan, Missouri.

Harry L. Davenport is a native of Illinois. His parents were Kentuckians. He is a namesake of the great Virginia general of Revolutionary War fame, General Harry Lee.

Mr. Davenport attended McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois, and was a pupil of Professor Perry, instructor in elocution at the Washington University, St. Louis. When only a youth, Dr. John Matthews gave Mr. Davenport a course of instruction in theology. Evangelistic work lay nearest his heart, and at the earliest possible time he began this work. It is estimated that more than 7,000 persons united with the various churches as the result of his evanegilstic labors. He has preached at many of the camp meetings, and in most of the large cities of the Central West.

Believing, sooner or later, the city slum problem will prove a stubborn question to the American churches, Mr. Davenport spent two years superintending a Red Cross Endeavor work, laboring with the slums in Chicago, St. Louis and Milwaukee. The moral, social and economic questions of the slums were studied.

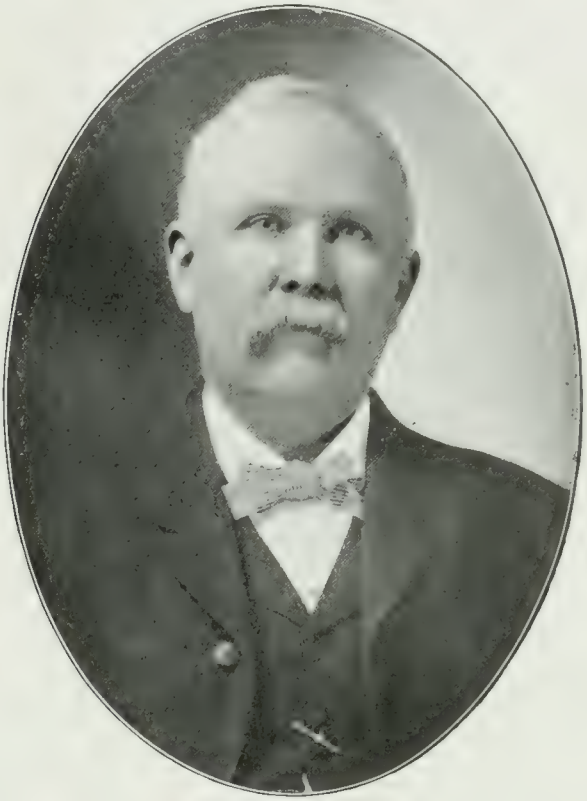
Rev. Mr. Davenport is not inexperienced in the pastorate. He has served as pastor a number of years, four of which were in the St. Louis District of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is now a member of the Chillicothe District Conference, from which body he was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission. He is pastor of the Milan Station Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to which place Bishop Key appointed him in 1906.

REV. W. J. PARVIN.

Pace per sanguinem Crucis ejus facta, per eum,
Reconciliare omnia sibi.

Having made peace through the blood of His cross,
By Him to reconcile all things unto Himself.—*St. Paul.*

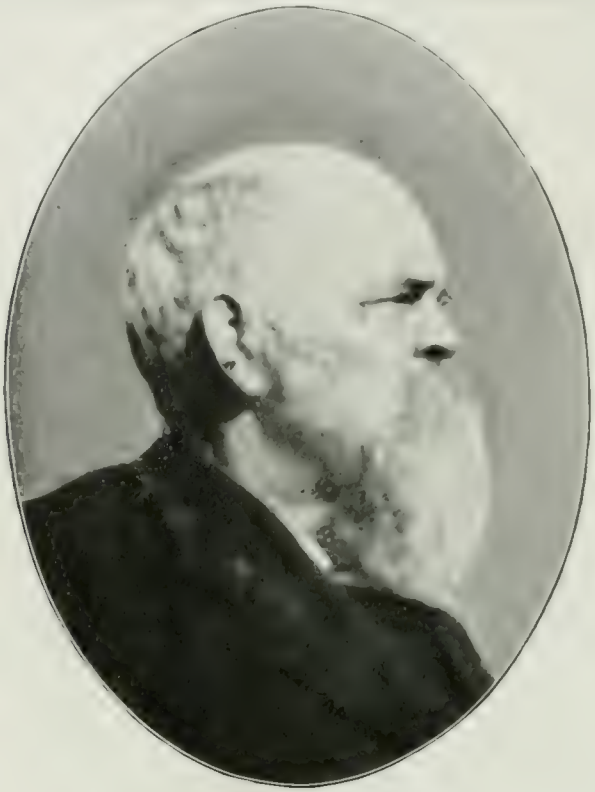
Rev. W. J. Parvin, son of Silas Parvin and Melissie (Thorpe) Parvin, was born in Cole County, Missouri, near Jefferson City, April 18th, 1864. He was converted in Clinton County, Missouri, through influences set in motion by Rev. L. B. Madison, who was pastor of the Methodist Church at Perrin, Missouri, and was converted on November 9th, 1885, while on the way to his brother's home at sunrise in the morning. He saw the fruits of the Christian religion in the lives of some faithful ones, and although skeptical in regard to many things, determined to thoroughly investigate its truthfulness. After eight months of seeking, during which time he read the New Testament through four times, he was happily and consciously pardoned of sin and regenerated by His grace. His spiritual development has been gradual, and his association with men in the Master's work has greatly helped him. His faith grows more satisfactory with the lapse of time, and his heart is fixed in the purpose to serve God to the end. He was licensed to preach, December 20th, 1890, by the Quarterly Conference of Osborn Circuit, at Perrin, Missouri; Rev. R. W. Howerton, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. M. O'Bryen, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Missouri City Quarterly Conference held at Ingle Chapel, August 8th, 1891, and was received into the Missouri Annual Conference on trial, in 1891; Rev. John M. O'Bryen, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Hargrove, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Haygood at Monroe City, September 17th, 1893; ordained Elder by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, at Hannibal, Missouri, September 6th, 1896. Appointments filled: Parkville and Moscow, 1891-1892; Edgerton, 1892-1895; Millville, 1895-1897; Auxvasse, 1897-1899; St. Joseph Circuit, 1899-1900; Fairfax, 1900-1903; Linneus, 1903-1905; Brunswick, 1905, which is the present pastorate. About 600 persons have been received into the Church during the years of his ministry. The Church at Auxvasse was built under his pastorate, and a small chapel at Moscow. He obtained his education at the common schools. He was married to Miss Lulu Gray Prather, September 14th, 1892, and has one child, Julian Aldean Parvin. The hour when he decided to seek God as a personal Savior, which was eight months before his conversion, and the time when, after a struggle of five years, he settled the question of entering the ministry, have been the important crises in his life. Some of the books which have benefited him most are Watson's Institutes, Ralston's Elements of Divinity, Personal Salvation, by Dean Tillett; Christian Character, by Chapman, and the Man of Galilee, by Haygood.



JUDGE LLOYD H. HERRING

Here, rather than on monumental stone,
This record of thy worth thy Friend inscribes.—*Coleridge.*

Lloyd H. Herring was born in Chariton County, Missouri, in 1848, where he has lived ever since. His parents were pioneers of this country, having moved there from Maryland in an early day. He was educated at the private schools at Brunswick and at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1886. He was for several years Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund, and at present is Treasurer of the Conference Trust Fund of the Missouri Conference. He is making a special effort to build up this fund, and has now about $28,000.00 bearing interest, and something like that amount in wills, deeds to real estate, and notes payable at death of parties. Judge Herring was at one time a judge of the Chariton County Court, and always stood well in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He has served as President of Chariton County Exchange Bank for many years, and enjoys the confidence of business men. Judge Herring has a most estimable family. A few summers ago he and his wife and daughter, Miss Corrine, made a tour of Europe. The family is a great help to our Church at Brunswick.



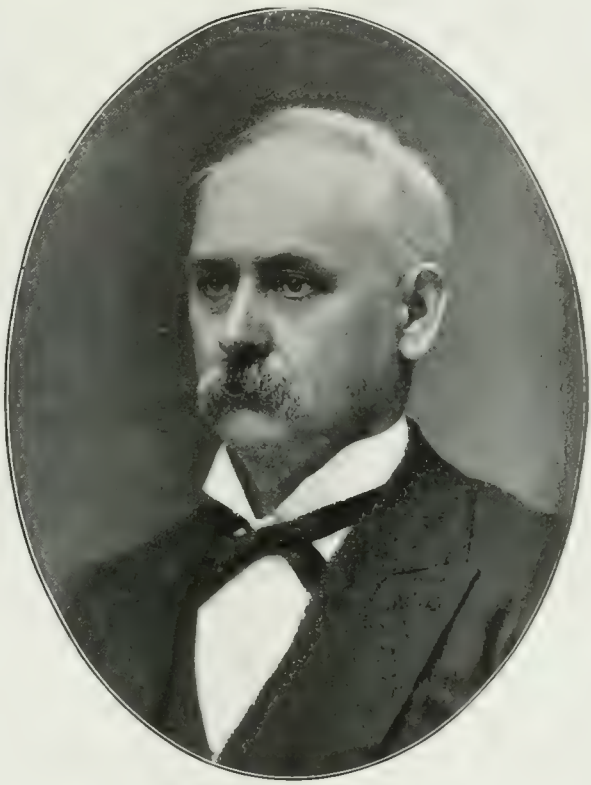
REV. JAMES A. MITCHELL.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.—*David.*

His grandparents, Morris and Elizabeth Mitchell, moved from East Tennessee in pioneer days, about 1835. They were Methodists, true and tried. His grandfather was a local preacher. His father and mother, Jesse and Providence Mitchell, came a little later and settled in Polk County, near Morrisville, Missouri. Morrisville College has been supported and patronized largely by the younger generations. His father was a Methodist preacher and was serving Stockton Circuit, Cedar County, Missouri, at the time of his death in 1854. He is the youngest of fifteen children, and was born June 24th, 1843. He was baptized in infancy and converted when nine years old. He worked on a farm in summer and attended school during winter. In his eleventh year his father died, and hence education was limited. Then the war between the states broke on his young life. He, with three older brothers, numerous relations, and many comrades, cast their lot with what proved to be the Lost Cause. Somehow, down in his heart, he hopes that all was not lost. The bright, patriotic lives that went down on both sides surely were not sacrificed for naught; some where, some way, some day, we shall understand. He lost a limb at Corinth in 1862, and he passed through the Blackwater and Vicksburg engagements a cripple. He returned to Missouri in September, 1863, and entered active business life. Soon the Church of his father and mother and his God took him up, and he was a layman in the Church until 1891. His Presiding Elder, Rev. E. K. Miller, D.D., at the death of his pastor, Rev. M. R. Jones, that good man, put him in charge of the home circuit, Renick, Missouri. He served until the Quarterly meeting without license, except the command of Dr. Miller. Then he was licensed, recommended and admitted on trial, and made pastor of Durham and Maywood Circuit, three years. Since then he served Monroe City Circuit, two years; then Humphreys Circuit, three years; Chillicothe Circuit, one year; Mt. Olive Circuit, three years; Norborne Circuit, two years, and DeWitt Circuit, two years. The Conference has been good to him, he says; God is, and always has been good to him. His loving kindness and providence has been lavishly bestowed upon him, he writes. He loves the Church and his brother man, but he loves his Lord and His work best of all. He has witnessed many happy conversions, and not only ministered to, but has been ministered unto, by the Church of God. Brother Mitchell was devoted to his wife, who departed this life some years ago. His children are Professor Percy Norwood Mitchell, Miss Edna Mitchell and Miss Willie May Mitchell.

REV. JAMES WILLIAM RAMSEY.

By study men ascend to learning's Temple; by industry and Labor men rise to wealth; but it is by prayer that men ascend to God.—*Dr. William E. Munsey.*



Rev. James William Ramsey is the son of Joseph Ramsey and Julia Ann Ramsey, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was born June 20th, 1846, in Monroe County, West Virginia. He was converted in West Virginia at a church called Chestnut Grove, in January, 1867, under the ministry of Rev. George Warner, and joined the Church at that time. He had always loved the Church, always read God's word, always been prayerful, hence his conviction was not so deep as some, yet he was most happily and soundly converted. He has had rather an even life, religiously; his growth in grace has been very gradual, and he is still learning of the deep things of God. He was licensed to preach in August, 1868, by a Quarterly Conference of the West Virginia Conference; Rev. George Warner, preacher in charge, and Rev. W. M. Dountain, Presiding Elder; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. He was received into the Annual Conference in 1873; Rev. Steven K. Vaught, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. M. Marvin, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. M. Wightman, September 19th, 1875, at Guyandott, West Virginia; ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener, September 22nd, 1877, at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Brother Ramsey has served the following appointments: Wayne Circuit, two years; Hurricane Bridge Circuit, three years; Barboursville Circuit, two years; Guyandott Station, three years; Salisbury Circuit, one year; Missouri Conference, Richmond Station, two years; Clarksville Circuit, three years; Sturgeon Circuit, three years; Salisbury Station, four years; Shelbina Circuit, two years; St. Charles Station, two years; Fulton Circuit, four years; Auxvasse Circuit, two years; his present charge is Triplett Circuit. He thinks that not less than one thousand and twenty persons have been converted and received into the Church under his ministry. Under his pastorate, one church in West Virginia and one in Missouri, was built, and he has paid off many debts on churches and parsonages also. He received his education in the public schools. He was married to Miss Annie E. Brawley, September 3rd, 1878, and they have the followng named children: W. M. Ramsey, Stella B. Ramsey, H. B. Ramsey and T. D. Ramsey. Brother Ramsey is now in the 34th year as a traveling preacher, and has never missed a roll call; he has taken his work and has done the best he could.

REV. NORMAN FRANCIS JOHNSON.

The food of hope is meditated Action.—*Wordsworth.*

Rev. Norman Francis Johnson, son of F. M. Johnson and S. E. Johnson, was born November 28th, 1874, in Marion County, Missouri. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in the fall of 1886 at Hebron Church on the Maywood Circuit, under the ministry of Rev. J. S. Rooker, and joined the Church the same day. There was no special demonstration about his conversion; he had been reared by God-fearing parents, and it was the most natural thing for him to become religious. As his knowledge of God and man increases, so his desire to do more for God and man has increased. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Maywood Circuit in the spring of 1900; Rev. E. K. Miller D.D., Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference by the Hannibal District in the spring of 1902; Rev. E. K. Miller, D.D., Presiding Elder; received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1902; Rev. E. K. Miller, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop A. W. Wilson, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 4th, 1904, at Columbia, Missouri. Appointments filled: Philadelphia Circuit, 1902; Saverton Circuit, 1903; Humphrey's Circuit, 1904-1906. Sixty-eight persons have been received into the Church during his ministry. His education was received at Centenary Academy, Palmyra, Missouri, from which he graduated, and at the Union Business College at Quincy, Illinois. He was married to Miss Carrie Whaley, December 19th, 1898. The time when he entered the ministry has been possibly the most important crisis in his life. Dr. Tillett's "Personal Salvation" has been one of the books, aside from the Bible, that has proven beneficial in his Christian life.



REV. WILLIAM OLIVER GRAFTON POTTER.

A true Man is called to a state of war; go into the battle Undismayed; do your best and trust God.—*Bishop Candler.*

Rev. William Oliver Grafton Potter was born May 9th, 1877, two miles East of Turney, in Clinton County, Missouri. He is a son of William H. Potter and Mary Potter, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted New Year's eve of 1896, at Turney, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. J. M. Sitton, and united with the Church at the place he was converted, at the age of eighteen years. He was truly converted to our Lord Jesus Christ, as the fruits of his life clearly indicate. Brother Potter has made substantial growth in grace. His spirit of self-denial is known to his people and his life is filled with good works. He was licensed to preach, March 28th, 1901, by the Plattsburg District Conference held at Missouri City; Rev. T. G. Petree, pastor, and Rev. C. Grimes, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Chillicothe District Conference held at Brunswick, Missouri, April 9th, 1903; and was received into the Annual Conference on trial, September 2nd, 1903; Rev. M. L. Gray, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Charles B. Galloway, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, September 3rd, 1905, at Palmyra, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Green Castle Circuit, as supply from February 15th, 1903, to the close of that Conference year; Braymer Circuit, 1903-1904; Mt. Olive Circuit, 1904-1906; Bogard is his present work. About one hundred persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. The Mt. Olive Church was built under his pastorate at a cost of $3,500.00. His education was received in the public schools, Woodson Institute, at Richmond, Missouri, and Central College. He was married to Miss Myrtle M. Moore, November 18th, 1903, and they have one boy, W. Stanley Potter. Brother Potter is a friend to Christian education, and is heart and soul in the movement for a larger Central College at Fayette, Missouri.



MR. AND MRS. TUNNELL.

Brother Tunnell is a Bank President, and after their church in the country near Osgood, Missouri, had been burned, he and his wife and neighbors worshipped in a school house. They are seated on the school house steps, and without a church home.



BAIRDSTOWN CHURCH.

This is an old-fashioned winter Quarterly meeting at Bairdstown, Sullivan County, Missouri. The people have come in sleds, and they are as happy as kings.

BROTHER E. GRANDISON STONE.

Christian piety is itself a kind of holy development, enlarging
Every way the soul's dimensions.—*Bishop Atkins.*

By Rev Bowman D. Sipple.



E. Grandison Stone was born near Gooch's Millis Cooper County, Missouri, July 4th, 1825, and died in Carroll County, Missouri, March 26th, 1904. His parents were poor and hardships were common. It was at a Methodist camp meeting that Mr. Stone was converted at the age of fourteen. At the same place a timid, slender girl by the name of Miss Mary A. Campbell was converted. She became his wife December 21st, 1848. With his young wife Mr. Stone crossed the river and entered land in Carroll County, where for more than fifty years they lived and wrought. From the beginning there was a profound conviction with each that the Church of Christ was worthy the best service of life. The cabin far out on the prairie soon became frequented by the minister, a church was built by a large contribution from Mr. Stone, and dedicated free of debt after he had made several additional gifts. Some pastor directed the attention of Mr. Stone to Christian education. A reader of the St. Louis Advocate, established in 1852, he became conversant with the movement for the establishment of Central College, begun about the same time. How much he gave to this work no one knows. It is a fact that a few weeks before the death of Bishop Marvin he was secured to dedicate Mary's Chapel, near his home, and named for his wife, and during this visit Mr. and Mrs. Stone made their will, giving one-third of their property, consisting of two hundred and forty acres of land, to Central College. From this time on his contributions to education were frequent, and ever increasing. Gifts were made to Humphreys and Richmond Academies, Central Female College, Howard-Payne College and Central College. In 1901 he decided to give to Central College on the annuity plan. As fast as his money at interest was paid in he turned it over to the treasurer. In three years he thus disposed of about eight thousand dollars. His will was now changed to cover his remaining property, all of which except one thousand dollars was given to Central College. The last conference Mr. Stone attended witnessed a collection for the Soo Chow University. Mr. Stone heard the call and responded with deep emotion by giving five hundred dollars. So faithfully had he administered on his own estate that there was less than four thousand dollars to be disposed of by will. His wife died several years before his own departure. He afterwards married Mrs. Frances Sproule, December 2, 1903, a woman in full sympathy with his noble work, and who gave to Howard Payne the part of the estate allowed her by the law of the state, to enlarge the endowment of a scholarship he had helped to establish.



MRS. SARAH A. MILLS.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
Solomon.

At seven o'clock on the morning of June 26th, 1906, there passed from this life to the home beyond a noble Christian woman. Mrs. Sarah A. Mills was born October 28th, 1846, in Sullivan County, Missouri. She was the eldest child of Emanuel Clem. In 1868 she was married to James R. Mills, and about three years later moved to Livingston County. In 1886, two years after the death of her husband, she moved to Chillicothe, where she lived until her death. Mrs. Mills united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in early girlhood under the ministry of Rev. W. E. Dockery, and was always a devout and earnest Christian. She had been connected with the Elm Street Methodist Church of Chillicothe for nearly twenty years, and she will be missed from her accustomed place in both the church service and the Sunday School, for she never became too old to attend Sunday School regularly. We miss her, but hope to meet again. Loved by all, she will be sadly missed by her friends and neighbors. She had striven hard to educate her children and deserves all praise for her noble efforts. She bore her last sickness with the Christian fortitude that characterized her whole life. She is survived by five children, three girls and two boys—Mrs. Mary Mills Triplett, of Milan, Missouri, who was with her when the end came; Mr. Claude B. Mills of the City National Bank of Muskogee, Indian Territory; Mrs. Bertha G. Smith, of Chillicothe; Mrs. Agnes M. Troeger, of Livingston County, and Mr. Earl E. Mills, of Chillicothe. She also leaves two sisters and two brothers, who live in different parts of the country. The funeral was held at the Elm Street Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Thomas W. Alton, and interment was in the Jones cemetery, three miles east of Chillicothe, Missouri.

JOHN WESLEY.

THE POWER OF A GREAT PERSONALITY.

By Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

Father Phelan, an able journalist, once wrote: "Let Rome beware of any man whose name is John. What a world of trouble have these Johns given us since the days of John Huss and John Wickliffe and John Knox and John Calvin and especially John Wesley!" The editor-priest was right. Each was a man sent from God. The name that waited the forerunner of Christ when he was born and which we call John in our English speech was really "Johanan," and means "Jehovah is gracious." Next to the gift of Christ himself God's greatest gifts to men have been men—some prophets, some apostles, some pastors and teachers.

"They are indeed our pillar fires,
Seen as we go;
They are that city's shining spires
We travel to."

They illumine both earth and heaven. They can worship before no throne save the great white throne itself. Each life like these incarnates for us somewhat of the life of God. John Wesley, to whom All Saints' Day was a favorite day in the calendar (when he always preached on "The Communion of Saints"), was wont to say: "How superstitious are they who scruple giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints!" For the life and death of John Wesley himself the whole Christian world is giving thanks today. Even Rome gives thanks that he is dead, not thinking that after two centuries he is heard and revered by millions where he once had the ear of thousands—"the most apostolic man since the apostolic age," says Philip Schaff.

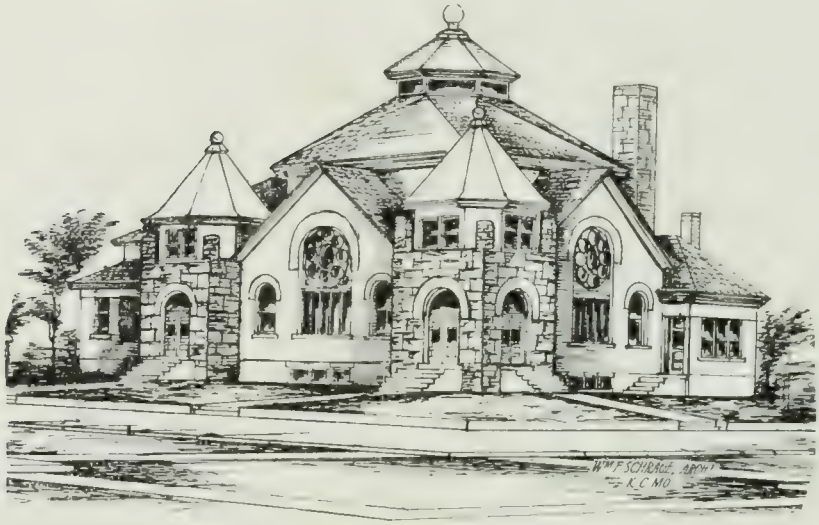
It has been well said that the difference between great men and others is that there is more of them. "A man may be a microcosm, but a great man is a macrocosm," says Emerson. Wesley, like Angelo, was a "four-souled man." Michael Angelo was at once a painter, a sculptor, an architect, and a poet; nor did he ever lift his hand until he had steeped his inmost soul in prayer. Wesley was a preacher, preaching not less than forty thousand sermons; a traveler whose itinerary reached two hundred and twenty-five thousand miles (nearly ten times around the globe and almost as far as the moon); a writer whose publications of all sorts reached the amazing number of 371; and an ecclesiastical statesman whose power of organization was equal to that of the great Richelieu, whose genius for statesmanship had been the wonder of his times. It was no ordinary man who casts a shadow two hundred years long—a shadow which grows broader as it lengthens. Cowper's eulogy has long since become the world's estimate:

The veteran warrior of the Christian field
Who never saw the sword he could not wield.

John Wesley was a born leader of men, with that mastery of himself and of all his powers which ever marks leaders of the first rank. From early life the charm of his personality won him friends and followers. His schoolmates at Charterhouse, in London, were won from their horseplay by his stories; and the Holy Club, at Oxford, though founded by Charles Wesley, recognized John Wesley as their only possible leader on his return as a fellow and tutor. The book of scholarly notes preserved in the Bodleian showed how careful was his preparation for the Holy Club by this favorite tutor who, whether as a Greek scholar or as a dialectician, was easily recognized as a master workman. Only his great work as the foremost preacher of his day has eclipsed his work as the master linguist and logician of his college.

Like Milton, Wesley was born with the consciousness of some great mission; and like the great Puritan poet, he sought to make his life a great epic to prepare himself for the great epic which he was to give to the world. Seeking advice from the wisest counselors, he asked for well-considered responses, saying: "Your views may be of consequence not only to all this province, but to generations of Christians not yet born."

MISSOURI CONFERFNCE.



THE NEW METHODIST CHURCH AT SHELBINA.
Rev. W. A. Hanna, Pastor.

1806—CENTENNIAL APPOINTMENTS—1906.

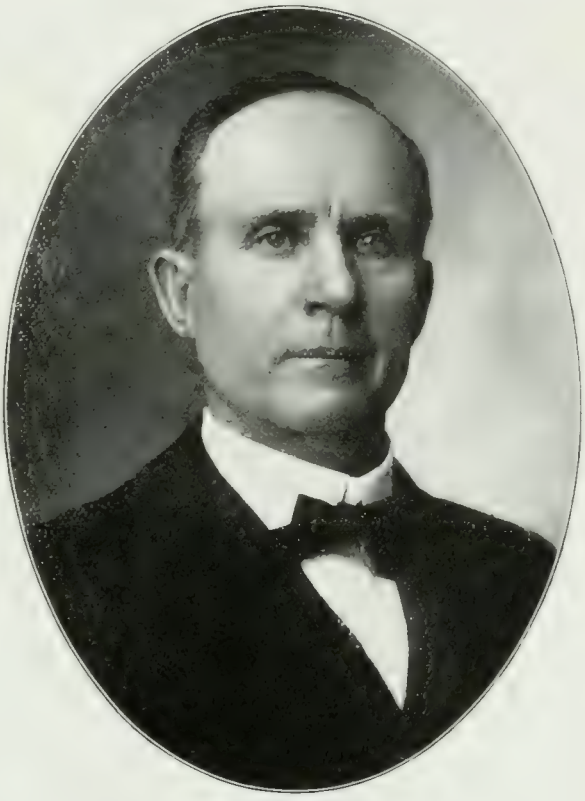
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Presiding Elder.....R. H. Cooper
Macon Sta.....R. McIlvoy
Shelbina Sta.....W. A. Hanna
Supernumerary.....W. M. Wainright
Memphis Sta.....V. O. White
Kirksville Sta.....C. N. Broadhurst
Brookfield Sta.....W. M. Alexander
Clarence Ct.....J. W. Kimbrell
Shelbina Ct.....W. O. Medley
Paris Ct.....W. M. Pope
Marceline Sta.....J. S. Smith
Bucklin Ct.....H. W. Buckner
Callao Ct.....W. T. May
Lakenan Ct.....T. B. Farry
Supernumerary.....J. R. Kincaid
Edina Ct.....C. S. Rennison
La Plata Ct.....W. Rutherford
Brashear Ct.....G. T. Ralston
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Madison Ct.....W. S. Rooker
Cairo Ct.....C. A. Bowles
Downing Ct.....To be supplied
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REV. RICE HARRIS COOPER.

There is no higher function which a human soul may take upon Itself than this: To make men see and love God.
—*Hamilton Wright Mabie.*

By Rev. T. H. B. Anderson, D. D.



He is the son of Rev. L. W. and Hester A. Vaughan Cooper, born in Nicholasville, Kentucky, June 18, 1848. With his parents he emigrated to Missouri in 1854, and was educated in the Gallatin Seminary and Central College. Dedicated to God in infancy, converted at the age of twelve; two years later he joined the Church, and in July, 1871, was licensed to preach. Being the only son it was the dearest wish of his parents that he might be a preacher of the gospel. For this they prayed. He joined the Missouri Conference at Mexico, September, 1872, and without interruption has given six years to Circuits, nine to Stations, and twenty to Districts.

On Circuits and Stations he was careful and painstaking—what we call a good pastor. At the same time an excellent student, a habit he still possesses. Schaff, F. W. Robertson and John Watson, are among his favorite authors. His expression of faith is his own. Cant, set phrases, so frequently heard, are not in his vocabulary. He is orthodox and his spirit conforms to his preaching. He had revivals in his early ministry, and after put in the Eldership did the work of an evangelist. "Concerning the collections" he has rare talent. Give him time and things come to pass. His District work stands as his monument.

He is a vigorous, thoughtful and entertaining preacher, delighting his auditors; he sets the truth logically in their minds and they go away to ponder it. Socially is most companionable, quaint, sharp, good at repartee, but leaves no string. He has a word of anecdote, and is fond of giving them to his friends. Withal he is a sober, serious man, far removed from levity or light mindedness. Life to him is not a garden of roses, but conflict with foes visible and invisible. He feels keenly the responsibility of his position. His scholastic attainments are above mediocracy; he knows the Bible, Methodist Theology, English literature, Economics, History, and the best thought of the modern mind. His acquirements, like disciplined soldiers, go and come at his bidding.

Measured by all rules he is one of the strongest men of the Missouri Conference, and has years of service ahead. He is now Presiding Elder of the Macon District, Curator of Central College for Women, President of the Missouri Conference Trust Fund, and President of the Joint Commission of Federation of North Missouri. He has diplomatic ability, and gets as a rule what he goes after. His judgment of men and measures is good. Had he turned his attention to business he would have succeeded admirably.

Recently his wife and companion went away to Heaven. The loss to him and family was great, as she was a most estimable lady. Brother Cooper has borne his affliction with heroic fortitude, reveres her memory, and looks forward hopefully to sweet reunion over there. Mrs. R. H. Cooper had a host of friends who cherish her memory.



REV. C. N. BROADHURST.

REV. CYRUS N. BROADHURST.

Thou has not withheld from God the gladness and the service of Thine heart, and He will not withhold from thee the music and The rapture and the abundance of harvest.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

By Rev. T. H. B. Anderson, D.D.

Here is a man of conviction—a man with purpose of heart. He loves his state and stands for the best—the Sabbath, the closed saloon, honest politics, "the square deal." He does not believe that short cuts in business or statecraft win on the long run. It is the long run that he is for. Better go down in defeat and be right than to triumph and be with evil doers. The defeated man, who is right, can look with a level eye into the face of God, angels and men.

His congregations gain, prayer meetings increase, League work takes on new life—in a word, everything lives where Broadhurst labors. He has life in himself, and ability to inspirit others. Men instinctively, when they meet him, want to do something; they see that he is a busy man. He works intelligently, systematically, religiously. "Collections full," and invariably conversions and accessions are reported. Our subject has fire; the breath of God is in his sermons. He reaches conscience; men believe and live.

First—His sermons are forceful, and often elegantly expressed. He reads the best books, and knows the history of his own Church, as well as that of others. The writer heard him once. The sermon sparkled with both wit and spiritual power. His fraternal address to the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was read with delight by hundreds.

Second—Altogether, our Brother Broadhurst is a clever man. He is beloved by his brethren; if he has an enemy, it is not known. He is, as the reader can see, pastor of the church at Kirksville, and in his fourth year. Others report progress under his faithful labors.



REV. JACKSON PARASADE NOLAN, A.M., D.D.

Our best moral wealth is chiefly legacy—the example of great and Good men.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Rev. Jackson Parasade Nolan was born January 26th, 1830, in Morgan County, Georgia. He was converted September 3rd, 1847, and joined the Church at Philadelphia. His conversion was particularly bright and happy, and he has had continual growth along the line of deeper prayer and the study of God's word. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Centenary Church, St. Louis, Missouri, in July, 1852. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the same Quarterly Conference in August, 1852, and was received into the Annual Conference in 1852; Rev. Wesley Browning, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Andrew, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Kavanaugh in September, 1854; was ordained Elder by Bishop Pierce in September, 1856. He filled the following appointments: St. Louis, Arrow Rock, St. Charles College, Agent for American Bible Society, and from 1871 to 1888 Presiding Elder work. He attended Emory College and was given the degrees of A.M. and D.D., by said College. He spent ten years of his life in educational work of the Church, and was connected with the Shelbyville High School, St. Charles College, Gallatin, Bloomington and Macon High Schools. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Catick at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1856, and they had four children—Lucius Paul Nolan, Mrs. Georgia Mary Cadogan (nee Nolan), Miss Maud Eugenia Nolan and Blanche Elizabeth Nolan.



REV. WILLIAM WARREN.

When he came to the Methodist Itinerant Ministry, it was like Coming home.—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*

Rev. William Warren was born in Old England, February 28th, 1820. His parents, Thomas Warren and Martha Warren, were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He was converted in 1835, in Salisbury, Old England, in a revival in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and joined that Church at the same time. His conversion came after several days of deep penitence. After his conversion he found that it was his duty to preach and to do all the good he could to his fellowmen. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Salisbury Circuit, Old England. He was recommended to the Missouri Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Gallatin Circuit, in 1851; he was received into the Annual Conference that year at Fayette, Missouri; Rev. Benjamin Ashby, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Capers, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrew, at Palmyra, Missouri, in 1853; he was ordained Elder by Bishop Early at Richmond, Missouri, in 1855. He served the following charges: Gallatin, 1851-1852; Athens, 1852-1853; Maysville, 1853-1855; Yellow Creek, 1855-1856; Bloomington, 1856-1858; Keytesville, 1858-1860; Linneus, 1860-1861; Kirksville, 1861-1863; Macon City, 1863-1864; Supernumerary, 1864-1867; Linneus, 1867-1868; Paris, 1868-1870; Florida, 1870-1871; Pleasant Grove, 1871-1872; Cedar City, 1872-1873; Linneus, 1873-1874; Clarence, 1874-1875; Sioux City, 1875-1877; Bucklin, 1877-1878; Renick, 1878-1881; Franklin, 1881-1882; Roanoke, 1882-1884; Bedford and Tina, 1884-1885; superannuated, 1885-1886; Bloomington, 1886-1887; Westville, 1887-1888; superannuated, 1888-1890. Brother Warren was twice married, first to Miss Mary Young, and the second time to Miss Maria Butts, April 15th, 1846. The following are the names of his children: William R. Warren, George J. Warren, Thomas H. Warren, Joshua B. Warren, Millisant J. Warren, Benjamin F. Warren, Sarah M. Warren, Alfred P. Warren and Julia M. Warren. Brother Warren went several years ago to his reward in Heaven.



REV. WALTER TOOLE.

The God of hope fills us with all joy and peace in believing,
That we may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Rev. Walter Toole was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, in 1820. He was a son of Daniel Toole and Elizabeth Toole. He was converted in 1841, in Platte County, Missouri, during a Cumberland Presbyterian Camp Meeting. He had been previously awakened at a Methodist Camp Meeting in the same county and joined the Church at Weston, under the ministry of Rev. W. G. Caples. He had always had a strong desire to do good and lead souls to Christ, which he always regarded as an evidence of his call to preach the Gospel. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Weston Circuit; Rev. W. W. Redman, Presiding Elder. The same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference, into which he was received in the year 1844; Rev. W. W. Redman, Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Paine, at Hannibal, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Andrew at Weston, Missouri. He served the following appointments: Big Creek, Richmond, Bloomington, Edina, Alexander, Hydesburg, Keytesville, Columbia, Monticello, Bloomington, Richmond, Bloomington District, Macon Circuit, Paris, Clarence, New Florence, Salisbury, Sturgeon, Clarence, Sue City Hunnewell, Shelbyville, Madison, New Franklin, Roanoke, Clarence, Bucklin, Sue City. He obtained his education at the public schools and at St. Charles Academy. He was married to Miss Virginia H. E. Lyell, September 3rd, 1850, and the following named children were born to them: Ann Toole, Mary Toole, Virginia F. Toole, Oswald Toole, Edwin Toole, Julia E. Toole, Martha E. Toole, Walter Toole, Lula Toole, Wesley Toole and William Marvin Toole. Brother Toole was a noble, good man. He died in Macon City, November 7th, 1895

REV. SAMUEL KENDALL FOWLER.

Before the door of each and all a slumber place is ready set, and
The graves in number grow from day to day.—*From the Ancient Arabic.*

By Mrs. John Holland.



Rev. Samuel Kendall Fowler was born in Brown County, Ohio, February 9th, 1809. His parents were Methodists of the old type. He was converted in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was engaged in the dry goods business. His conversion was bright and clear and he never for one moment doubted his acceptance with God and his own change of heart and life. His growth in grace was very marked and decided. Sometimes his joy was unrestrained, and he would give vent to his feelings by a glorious shout of victory—never boisterous, but a soft clapping of the hands and an expression, "Glory to God." He had always that sweet peace that flowed like a river, and as old age came on he was more mellow and sweet spirited. He was licensed to preach in 1847. He moved from Ohio to Iowa in 1850, and joined the Conference there. He joined the Missouri Conference in 1856, and was ordained Deacon by Bishop Doggett, and Elder by Bishop Pierce. He served the following appointments: Florida, Linneus, Lancaster, Auburn, Ashley, Edina, Millville, Warrenton, Memphis and Queen City. He was a great revivalist and was wonderfully successful in winning souls. He was a sweet singer and often touched hearts by his gospel songs. He attended school at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was quite a successful teacher in his day. He was married to Miss Mary E. Hart in June, 1850, and the following named children were born to them: Rachel Elinor Fowler, James Jackson Fowler, Samuel Kendall Fowler, Taylor Greenfield Fowler, David Thorp Fowler, Sarah Elizabeth Fowler, Evaline Louellen Fowler, Carrie Sophia Fowler, Edwin Warren Fowler, Harriett Emma Fowler, Charles Walter Fowler, Ella Etta Fowler and Minnie Belle Fowler. The Lives of the Wesleys, Fletcher, Caples, Marvin and others are books that greatly helped him. He was a tall, handsome man, very happy-hearted, and numbered his friends by his acquaintances. He had a gracious, cordial manner and never passed any one he knew without a pleasant word and a wish that they were well. In his family he was a real model; the kindest and most helpful husband, and the best of fathers. His Bible, the St. Louis Christian Advocate and his glasses were always on his table, and every spare moment found him reading, for he was a student always. His was a most beautiful life, and his death was triumphant and glorious.

REV. WILLIAM McKENDREE WAINRIGHT.

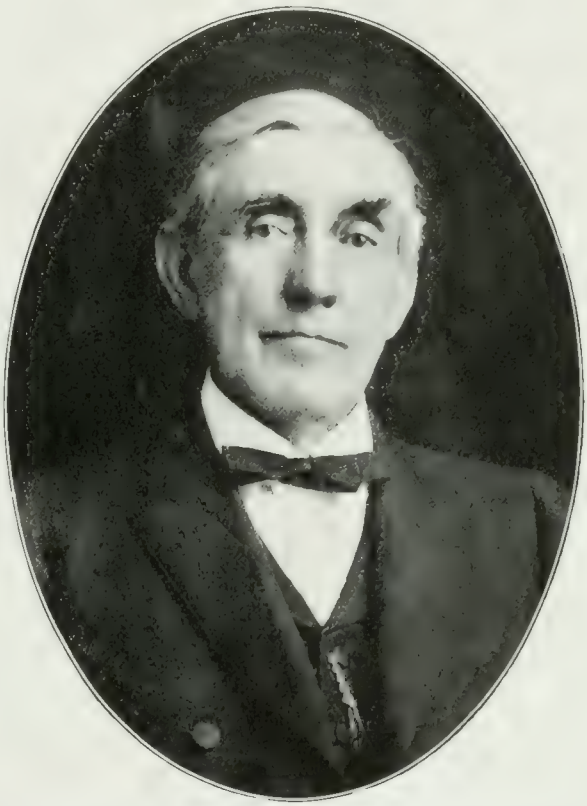
Christianity as Christ taught is the truest Philosophy of Life Ever spoken.—*Drummond.*

William McKendree Wainright, son of Rev. Daniel T. Wainright and Amanda F. Wainright, was born July 10th, 1850, at Monticello, Missouri. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1859, at Monticello, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. M. R. Jones, and joined the Church that year at the same place. In 1869 he made a full consecration of himself to God and began a preparation for the work of the ministry, to which he felt he had been called. He was licensed to preach in February, 1872, at Shelbyville, Missouri, Rev. B. H. Spencer being the preacher in charge and Rev. W. W. McMurry, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of Monticello, Missouri, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1872 at Mexico, Missouri; Rev. W. W. McMurry, Presiding Elder, and Bishop George F. Pierce, presiding; ordained Deacon in September, 1874, by Bishop J. C. Keener, at St. Joseph, Mo.; ordained Elder by Bishop H. N. McTyeire in September, 1876, at Hannibal, Missouri. Appointments filled are: Lineville, Iowa, 1872-1873; Trenton, Missouri, 1874; Albany, Missouri, 1875-1876; Clarence, Missouri, 1877-1879; Supernumerary, 1880-1881; Labelle, Missouri, 1882; Millville, Missouri, 1883-1884; Osborne, Missouri, 1885; Athens, Texas, 1886-1887; Carthage, Missouri, 1891-1893; Clinton, Missouri, 1895. On account of throat trouble, he has been compelled to give up regular work and has been supernumerary since 1896. During the years of his ministry more than twelve hundred persons have been received into the Church. He built the parsonage at Albany and Clarence, Missouri, and one at Athens, Texas. He obtained his education at Monticello Seminary, Shelbyville High School and Central College. He was married to Miss Mary J. Turner, September 3rd, 1874, and they have the following named children: Mary Lillian, Mabel, William Dimmitt, Daisy (who is now dead), Charles Earl and Thomas Leon. Wesley's Journals and Life, Fletcher's Works, Asbury's Journal, Taylor's "Holy Living," and Life of Finney, have been some of the books that have been very beneficial to him in his Christian life. He very strongly endorses the Christian College as a means of training the higher and better nature of the young men and women of to-day.

REV. JAMES SAMUEL SMITH.

Nitor in adversum; nec me, qui caetera, vincit
Impetus; et rapido contrarius everhor orbi.—*Ovid.*

I steer against their motions, nor am I
Borne back by all the current of the sky.—*Addison.*



Rev. James Samuel Smith, son of Judge J. D. Smith and Ruth A. (McPherson) Smith, was born in Macon County, Missouri, May 4th, 1841. Both of his parents were members of the Methodist Church, South. He was converted at a camp meeting not far from where Macon City, Missouri, is now located, in 1855, under the ministry of Rev. A. P. Linn, and joined the Church then and there. He, together with a brother and sister, who were converted at the same time, went into the church together. His conversion was so very clear and satisfactory that it made a lasting impression on his mind. Today his faith is abiding, and his delight in the Lord is his chief joy. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Macon Circuit in 1860; Rev. W. E. Dockery was the preacher in charge, and Rev. Walter Toole, Presiding Elder. He was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1861, at Glasgow, Missouri, Rev. William G. Caples presiding in the absence of the Bishop. He was sent as a junior preacher with Rev. Andrew Monroe to Fayette Circuit. During that year he was sent to Sturgeon, Rev. George Sexton having gone into the army. He was elected Deacon at Fulton, Missouri, in 1863, Rev. Andrew Monroe presiding, but was not ordained until 1866 by Bishop Doggett, at Richmond, Missouri. He was also ordained elder by Bishop Doggett in 1866, at Richmond. He served Fayette Circuit and Sturgeon in 1861-1862, Rocheport Circuit, Columbia Station, preached two years in Canada, St. Charles Station, Louisiana Station, Glasgow Circuit, and attended Pritchett Institute. Nebraska City Station. In the fall of 1870 he was made Presiding Elder of Nebraska District. In 1871, Paris; Canton, Monticello, Memphis, Monticello Seminary, Marvin College in Kansas, Dallas Female College, Presiding Elder of Dallas District, Mexico, Weston Circuit, Lawson and Lathrop, Liberty Circuit, Chillicothe, Linneus Circuit, Palmyra Circuit, Montgomery, Atchison and Marceline. The schools he attended were the Bloomington High School, under Rev. O. R. Bouton of New York, and Pritchett Institute, under Dr. Carr Pritchett. He has been president of three Church Schools, a member of the bar, and was Presiding Elder before he was thirty years old. He held one Quarterly Conference with no one present but the pastor, and one where there was no one but the steward, and he resigned and they elected his successor. He was married April 6th, 1871, to Susan J. Cain, a daughter of the Rev. W. R. Cain. His children are Mabel, Mary Bettie (now dead), George A. Smith, Mrs. Nancy Boulware and James Bourland Smith.



REV. WILLIAM THOMAS READY.

The validity of human testimony lies at the foundation of all our Knowledge, and enters into the substance of our life.—*Bishop Wilson.*

Rev. William Thomas Ready, son of William H. Ready and Catherine H. Ready, was born at Carlisle, Indiana, October 13th, 1855. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Long Creek, Illinois, when twelve years of age, under the ministry of Rev. W. D. Weems. He was reclaimed in the winter of 1877, under the ministry of Rev. Reynolds, at LaPlace, Illinois. At every stage of his Christian experience, his happiness seemed to be complete, but there have been several marked epochs in life when he took a forward leap and his joy and knowledge of the love of God have been greatly increased. He was licensed to preach December 15th, 1879, by the Nebraska City Quarterly Conference; Rev. Charles A. Shearman, preacher in charge, and Rev. H. D. Hogan, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Oskaloosa Circuit, Western Conference, in August, 1880; was received into the Western Conference in August, 1880; Rev. H. D. Hogan, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Keener, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Granbery, at Wyandotte, Kansas, in August, 1883; ordained Elder by Bishop Granbery at Wyandotte, Kansas, in August, 1885. He has served the following appointments: Western Conference, Oskaloosa Circuit, as supply; Rock Bluff Circuit, two years; Rulo Circuit, one year; Bronson and Center, two years; Spring Hill, one year; transferred to White River Conference, and served Paragould Station, one year; was sent to Portia on account of health, one year; 1889, transferred to Missouri Conference, and served Prairieville, three years; Auxvasse, one year; Edna, two years; Warrenton, one year; O'Fallen and Wentzville, two years; Mound City, one year; 1899, transferred to Oklahoma Conference. About two thousand persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. The following churches and parsonages have been built under his pastorate: One at Rulo, Nebraska; one at Centre, near Fort Scott, Kansas; now building church at Tecumseh Station, Oklahoma Conference; parsonage at Bronson, Kansas. He received his education at Long Creek High School, in Macon County, Illinois, and St. Mary's College, at Nebraska City; studied Greek and Latin privately and graduated in Chautauqua Course. He was married to Miss Lillie D. McCallum, May 8th, 1884, and they have the following children: L. Frances Ready, Panthea A. Ready, Catherine Ready, Opal Ready, Velma Ready. They have four children dead. Some of the books which have proven very helpful to him, aside from the Bible, have been "Pilgrim's Progress," "Baxter's Saints' Rest," and the works of our leading evangelists.

REV. WILLIAM M. WOOD.

The Christian lives to Christ alone,
To Christ alone he dies.—*Charles Wesley.*

By Rev. Robert McIlvoy.



Rev. William M. Wood, son of John Wood and Jane Wood, whose maiden name was Jane Parker. They were both Methodists. Rev. William M. Wood was born in Monroe County, Virginia, in 1825. He was converted and joined the Church at Milton, Randolph County, Missouri, in 1848, under the ministry of Rev. Jesse Green. He and his brother Elisha (now an aged resident of Clarence, Missouri, April, 1907) had agreed together several months previous, that when the preacher should come and hold a meeting, they would seek salvation. But their sense of sin was not deep until they knelt at the altar, where the Lord revealed unto them their real state. William wanted to be converted and shout all over the house, while Elisha desired that he might receive the quiet assurance of his pardon and make no noise about it. One who was present says: "When William was converted, he just sat still and rejoiced in his soul without any noise, but Elisha shouted all around the house and upset the stove." Thus we see God's way and man's way are not always the same. His call to preach marked also a deepening of his spiritual life. This was about twelve months after his conversion. He was teaching school in Lewis County, and when the call came he became so dazed and overwhelmed that for the time he lost sight of his school duties. During the several days that followed, when he would undertake to read the Scriptures before his school, he would be so moved that he would have to cease reading and rejoice in the Lord. He was licensed to preach and recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Monticello Circuit, Rev. E. M. Marvin, pastor, and Rev. Horace Brown, Presiding Elder, in 1849, and was received at the following session of the Missouri Conference; Bishop Capers, presiding. Brother Wood was married in 1853 to Miss Mary E. Wright. Sister Wood lives at Macon and will be seventy-four if she lives till August 27th, 1907. She is a bright, active Christian woman and will be missed when God takes her. The names of their children: Marvin Capers Wood, Mary Belle, Martha Josephine, William Wright Wood, Larena Susan Wood, Margaret Elizabeth Wood, Cora Amanda Wood, Stuart Monroe Wood, Rebecca Eleanor Wood. Possibly the most important crisis in his life was when he fully consecrated his life to the work of the ministry. He died while Presiding Elder of the Gallatin District, at Oxford, Worth County, Missouri, February 17th, 1878. At the time he was taken sick he was engaged in a revival effort. Exposure brought on pneumonia, from which he died after twenty-two days. His family lived at Bloomington, Macon County, Missouri, and did not receive word of his sickness until a few days before he died. His wife reached Oxford the day after the end came. Thus separated from those he loved, this servant of God passed to his reward. But it is hoped that father, mother, sons and daughters shall some day be reunited in the presence of Him in whose service Brother Wood proved faithful to the end.

REV. COVERDALE SMITH RENNISON, A.B.

Operarius qui non erubescat, et qui recte sermonem veritatis Secet.—*St. Paul.*

A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.



Coverdale Smith Rennison, son of James Rennison and Annie W. Rennison, was born June 3rd, 1870, at Threlkeld, Cumberland County, England. His father was a local preacher in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and also a Home Missionary in connection with an undenominational county's mission. His mother was also a Wesleyan Methodist. He was converted at a decision meeting, one of a series, held in connection with the Sunday School every month. Soon afterwards, in March, 1881, he was admitted on trial into the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and received into full membership in June, 1881, during the ministry of Rev. Thomas A. Sneed. The meeting was one at which the usual lessons were dispensed with, and addresses were delivered by the teachers and others, urging present decision for Christ, after which opportunity was given for seeking salvation. At one of these meetings, he went into the inquiry room, and there he felt that God spoke to him a word of peace. He has now a deeper understanding of the things of God, and a more intense and helpful consciousness of His presence, than he did when converted, a stronger will to do good and a more perfect love. He has been largely helped thereto by home influences and memories, by several vists to the Keswick Convention, by being under Rev. Thomas Champness in the Joyful News Mission, by the influences of Central College, and by many godly people in the various charges he has served. He was admitted on trial as a local preacher in the Dawnham Market Circuit, Norfolk County, England, at the December Quarterly meeting, 1890, and became a fully accredited local preacher in the same Circuit in December, 1891; Rev. C. Bingant, Superintendent Minister. He supplied the Holcomb Circuit, Popular Bluff District, in Dunklin County, Missouri, in 1894-1895, as junior preacher; Rev. O. G. Halliburton, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Poplar Bluff District Conference, May 8th, 1895, and was received into the St. Louis Annual Conference in 1895 Rev. O. G. Halliburton, Presiding Elder, and Bishop C. B. Galloway, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Warren A. Candler at DeSoto, Missouri, September 25th, 1898; ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Chillicothe, Missouri, September 7th, 1902. Appointments filled are: In England, as Joyful News Evangelist, 1892-1894; from October, 1893, to July, 1894, as Circuit Evangelist in Bradwell Circuit, County Derby; in United States as supply, Kennett Circuit, a part of the Holcomb Circuit, 1894-1895; Piedmont Circuit, 1895-1896; St. James Circuit, 1896-1898; Student at Central College in 1898; transferred to Missouri Conference in 1899; Callao Circiut, 1899-1900; Higbee Station, 1900-1901; Higbee and Cooper's Chapel, 1901-1902; Salisbury Station, 1902-1904; Agency Circuit, 1904-1906; Edina Circuit, 1906. About one hundred and thirty persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. The church at Edina was built during his pastorate there.



REV. WILLIAM MARVIN ALEXANDER, A.B.

Faith puts Christ between itself and circumstances; so that it Cannot see them.—*Dr. F. B. Meyer.*

Rev. William Marvin Alexander is the son of Rev. J. T. Alexander and Elizabeth A. Alexander; they both belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Rev. William Marvin Alexander was born in Trousdale County, Tennessee, October 4th, 1877. He was converted in March, 1893, at Augusta, Kansas, under the ministry of Rev. C. W. Thorpe, and joined the Church at the same time and place. He had been going to the altar for more than a year before he was converted, but when conversion came, he was fully conscious of an instant change of heart. For a number of years his growth in grace was slow, but as he became conscious of his call to the ministry, there came a strong desire for a broader knowledge of God. The act itself of entering the ministry was probably the greatest crisis in his life. He was licensed to preach at Arkansas City, Kansas, in April, 1900, at the meeting of the Council Grove District Conference, Western Annual Conference; Rev. J. E. Owen, pastor, and Rev. T. C. Downs, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Missouri Conference from the Macon District Conference held at Bucklin, Missouri, in 1903, and he was received into the Annual Conference at Mexico, Missouri, in 1903; Rev. O. B. Holliday, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Chas. B. Galloway, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at Palmyra, Missouri, in 1905.

REV. HENRY WARREN BUCKNER.

Christianity is love melted into Compassion.—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A.M.



Henry Warren Buckner is a native of Kentucky, born in Union County, March 3rd, 1862. His parents, Presley Avery, and Henrietta Francis Buckner, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At the early age of ten years he knelt at the Church altar and there, in answer to prayer, received clear evidence of sins forgiven. His connection with the Church began at once and at this time came a distinct call to the ministry. The call was not heeded for some time, and not till after great leanness was sent to his soul.

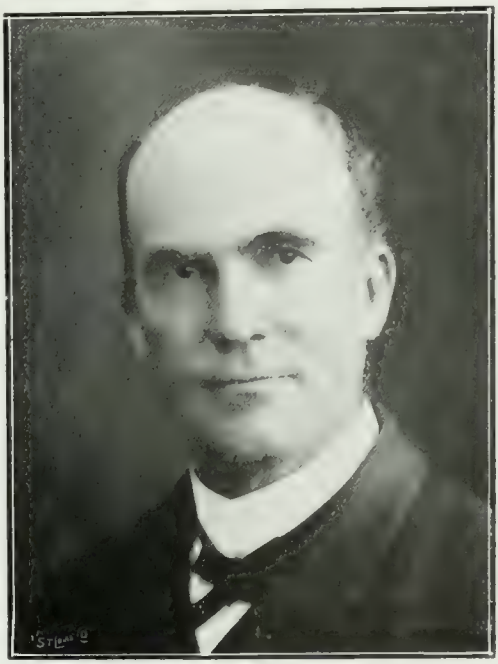
In the year 1889, by a series of sermons on the subject of "Full Consecration," he was led to commit his entire being to the will of his Master and ever since he has been drinking deeper at the fountain of God's wisdom and grace. He received his license to preach from the Quarterly Conference of Salem charge in the Louisville Conference August 29th, 1891. At this time there was an urgent call from the Illinois Conference for men. By the advice of some of his friends he was led to accept work in that Conference as a supply on the Schuyler Circuit, Rev. O. T. Rogers preacher in charge, and he junior preacher. By this Quarterly Conference he was recommended to the Illinois Conference for admission on trial in the year 1892. Two years afterwards Bishop E. R. Hendrix ordained him Deacon and he was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery, September 11th, 1898. His educational training was received from a private school in Kentucky and normal schools in Illinois. While he has preached ever since receiving his license, his work as a regular pastor has been broken into. At times he has been engaged in teaching and in the employ of the American Bible Society. From the year 1896 his work has been wholly that of an itinerant Methodist preacher. God has greatly blessed his efforts. About two hundred persons have been received into the church.

In the year 1903, Bishop Hendrix transferred him to the St. Louis Conference and from there he was transferred by Bishop Galloway to the Missouri Conference and appointed to the Prairie Hill Circuit. In 1906 he was stationed at Bucklin. Miss Bertha Wagner became his wife on the second of September, 1896. They have three children, Everett Cromwell, Gladys Henriett, and William Avery. "Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress," the books in the four years' course, "Sunset Views," "In His Steps," "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," "Abide in Christ," "Stepping Heavenward," are some of the books that have been specially helpful to him. Here are his own words concerning the Christian College: "I am fully convinced that the hope of true success in the future, for both church and state, is closely connected with the Christian College."

REV. HENRY POPE BOND.

To create man God had only to speak; to redeem him He had to Suffer. He made man by his breath; He saved him by His blood.
—*D. L. Moody.*

By Rev. T. H. B. Anderson, D.D.



Our subject is a fertile one. His ancestral line runs back through Virginia and Maryland. The best blood courses its way through his veins. "There is as much in the blood of men as there is in the blood of horses," said John Randolph, the sage and wit of Ronoake. No man can stand face to face with Dr. Bond and doubt for a moment that he was close to a man who would die rather than surrender his manhood.

First—His literary qualifications are not at discount; besides, he has constantly widened his views and deepened his culture, by study, prayer and consecration to God. No culture equal to that produced in men when the refining fires of the Spirit go through and through their souls. Great as his literary attainments are, he has never been his own physician, never treated himself. Realizing fully that his own reason, will, and appetites, were vitiated, he applied to another—our Lord—who healed, clothed and gave him sound mind. This is the culture for which he pleads.

Second—He is cheerful without lightness; has passed under the rod; knows what trial, temptation and bereavement mean. His face is toward the sunrise. He posseses a sunny nature and looking at him, in the Conference room, one would judge him to have the deep tranquility of eternity in his heart. His life, since the Lord spoke peace, has been one long rapture—reassuring in every trial.

Third—He is a great citizen. Ethical questions have concerned him deeply; such as Temperance, Sabbath observance, and the honest administration of state affairs. He was never slow to express himself upon these and kindred subjects. Had he backed, in front of these enemies of the state and Church, he would not have been a representative of the Bonds whose lances have been shivered on many a foe. He is reserved, but count on him when the bugle sounds. He is not afraid to die.

Fourth—Socially, a most agreeable companion. With him a few moments and all he possesses of heart and life becomes yours. Any man is rich who has the confidence of our brother.

Fifth—Recently his wife, the daughter of Bishop E. M. Marvin, passed away, leaving the doctor and family sorely bereft. Wife and mother in Heaven! What a thought! How real Heaven becomes! Glorious fellowships there; and others on the way thither. What rejoicing when the whole ship's company shall meet.

Sixth—Dr. Bond supernumerated at our last session. Trust it is only for a brief time.

REV. W. J. JACKSON.

Divine sonship is itself the supreme privilege that carries along Be carried.—*Ira Maclaren.*



Rev. W. J. Jackson was born near Paris, Monroe County, Missouri, December 8th, 1843. His father, Uncle Jimmie Jackson, came to the country in 1828 or 1829, and in an early day hearing of an appointment down toward Florida, saddled his horse and went. At the close of the service he said to the preacher, "I am not a church member but my wife is, and I want you to go home with me." Rev. B. H. Spencer, the preacher, said: "I'll go," and from that day on for years the Methodist Church worshipped in his house, with such men as Uncle Billy Haines and Harvey Patterson for class leaders. This was on Bee Creek, two miles north of where Mount Zion Church now stands. Brother W. J. Jackson was licensed to preach by the Mount Zion Quarterly Conference in 1879, and served as junior preacher on the Huntsville Circuit for one year under the Rev. J. P. Nolan, D. D. He was admitted on trial into the traveling connection at Columbia, Missouri, in September, 1880, and returned to Huntsville with Rev. Dr. Nolan. There being no preacher for Lancaster Rev. W. T. Toole requested Brother Jackson to change to that field, where, during the year, a great revival attended his efforts, as on the Huntsville Circuit. In 1871 Brother Jackson was sent to Kirksville, Missouri, where he was happily married to Miss Laura F. Violett. During the two years at Kirksville a new church was built near Lyons school house. The Conference at Carrollton in 1873 sent Brother Jackson to Paris, where he remained for three years. The membership was greatly built up and a new church built which, in honor of the work done, was called "Jackson Chapel." In 1876 Brother Jackson was sent to the Memphis Circuit where a number of interesting protracted meetings was held. The Conference in September, 1879, sent Brother Jackson to Moberly, and at the end of four years, though burned out once, a new brick church with parsonage had taken the place of the old ones. In the fall of 1883 Brother Jackson was transferred to the Denver Conference where he served as pastor of Pueblo one year; Presiding Elder of Denver District two years; then as agent of Pueblo Collegiate Institute, erected a fine school building at a cost of $10,000.00, and for five years was editor of the Colorado Methodist. At the completion of the college building he located and is now editor of the "Religious World," and is giving much of his time to the cause of missions, especially preaching for the soldiers at Fort Duchesne, Utah., and among many people scattered over the newly opened reservation in that state. His children are Victor Jackson, Violette Jackson and Florence Jackson.

REV. J. D. F. HOUCK.

If God give us success, then to the feet of Jesus let our sheaves
Be carried.—*Ian Maclaran.*

By Rev. T. H. B. Anderson, D. D.



Personal considerations cut no figure in giving a sketch of this brother's life. The writer knew him before he entered the ranks of the itineracy. We shall speak of him as his brethren in Missouri and California see him.

First—He is a plain man with no extra touches to make himself conspicuous; wears his own clothes; and lives on substantial food. If, by preaching a sermon, he could become the pastor of a city church he would refuse to preach. He is obedient to authority; loves his friends, and has no enemies to punish. He has iron in his blood. His power of endurance is as great as that of the German soldier in the trenches, or on the field, at Metz or Sedan. Here is a remarkable man. His friends under the skies of California, would not forgive us should we fail to say as much. Those who know him in Missouri esteem him highly. He is absolutely incorruptible. His nine years of toil in the Pacific, and three years in Missouri Conferences, have settled the fact that the Lord and church have in him a most useful minister. He is temperamentally a warm man. There is no zealothemial in his life; he never goes down to the freezing point. He lives at the line where summer begins. No man could have a more generous friend.

Second—He is loyal to Methodism; believes that it was launched "to spread Scriptural holiness over these lands. "He is far removed from ritualism; has the idea largely developed that the "life of Christ" realized is the central thought.

Third—He's a pastor of power. He never gives his people *stimulants.* The emotional in him is not great; nor does he appeal to it in others. He gives *nourishment;* milk to babes and strong meat to those of more mature years. He divides the truth; gives saint and sinner each, their portion.

Fourth—He has conversions under his ministry. His own conversion was pronounced; he insists that it shall be so with others.

Fifth—He has been a student—since he entered the ministry. Early opportunities were not great; but good books, brethren, who knew the truth, and, above all, God, have been his companions. Few have relied more implicity upon the Holy Spirit.

Sixth—He is a wonderful expositor of the Bible; in a word, he is a great gospel preacher. There is nothing else to preach, and he knows it. For clear insight, discriminating power, and forceful presentation of the truth, few preachers, of his age, surpass him.

REV. JOHN WESLEY KIMBRELL.

The power of the keys is always personal.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev. Henry E. Stout, A.M.



What a son is does not only depend upon the atmosphere in which he is reared, but also upon the blood that flows through his veins. John W. Kimbrell was blessed with both of these necessary qualifications. His father and mother, Marion and Katherine Kimbrell, settled in the early days in Madison County, Kentucky, in which place, on June 29th, 1872, John was born. These parents lived the "simple life," living close to nature and the God of nature. John had grown nearly to manhood before he heard the voice of God speak peace to his soul. It was under the ministry of Dev. C. W. Collett, at old Prairie Chapel, on the Fulton Circuit, that the Holy Spirit came to his heart in deep convicting and converting power, and made him a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Since those days he has been "going on to perfection," being directed by the Spirit and taught of the Holy Scriptures. With Rev. R. H. Cooper as P.E., and Rev. V. O. White as P.C., he was licensed to preach in the spring of 1897, and the same year was recommended by the Mexico District Conference to the Missouri Annual Conference. It was Brother Kimbrell's joy to be received into the Annual Conference that fall by Bishop Fitzgerald, Rev. R. H. Cooper, P.E., during the session held at Albany.

Taking up the work assigned him he finished his course in due time, was ordained Deacon at Fulton in 1899 by Bishop Granbery, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson at Chillicothe in 1902.

As every true Methodist preacher should do, he took his appointments as he received them, and gladly. They are as follows: Mokane, one year; Central College as a student, one year; New Franklin, one year; Madison, three years; Brookfield, two years; Clarence, two years, which place he now holds. Being evangelistic in turn, the Lord has wonderfully blessed his labors, giving him 525 souls for his hire, 345 of which he has received into the Church. Besides this a beautiful parsonage at Clarence stands as a monument to his good work.

Brother Kimbrell attended the country schools till he had finished their courses and then went to Westminster at Fulton, two years, and later came to Central College for one year. On October 7th, 1902, Brother Kimbrell married the consecrated daughter of R. L. and Lillie Mitchell, to which union one child, Marion Richard Kimbrell, has come to bless the home.

Into every life there comes the crucial tests which make or "unmake" the man. The trying time that came to our brother was his call to the ministry. He realized the nature of the work and felt his own unworthiness and unfitness for so great a work. He finally yielded, crying, "Here am I, send me." The grace of God being sufficient for him at this trying time he has met other conflicts and been the conqueror.



REV. THEODORE BROWN FARRY.

A pure heart is the Crowning Gift of the Spirit.—*Bishop Marvin.*

Rev. Theodore Brown Farry, son of Silas Harvey Farry and Catherine Brown Farry, was born near Troy, Ohio, March 4th, 1846. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. When he was still an infant, his parents settled on a farm near Rochester, Indiana, where he was reared. He was converted in 1857 on the banks of the Tippecanoe river, under the ministry of Rev. Jesse Sparks. He was brought under deep conviction of sin by the preaching of Rev. Sparks, which he tried to throw off, but when he yielded, the Lord most graciously heard his cry and filled him with His love. The call to the ministry came soon after his conversion, but the dread of the responsibility kept him from uniting with the Church for some years. He was reclaimed in February, 1866. He was licensed to preach June 22nd, 1887, by the St. Charles Quarterly Conference; Rev. Samuel L. Woody, preacher in charge, and Rev. Joseph S. Allen, Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the same Quarterly Conference in July, 1888; received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1888, at Gallatin, Missouri; Rev. Joseph S. Allen, Presiding Elder, and E. R. Hendrix, Bishop; ordained Deacon by Bishop Joseph S. Key in September, 1890, at Fayette, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Atticus G. Haygood, in September, 1893, at Monroe City, Missouri. Appointments filled: Frankford, Missouri, 1888-1890; Florida, 1890-1892; Wright City, 1892-1894; Winfield, 1894-1896; Briscoe, 1896-1898; Green Castle, 1898-1900; Browning, 1900-1902; Jamesport, 1902-1903; 1903, supernumerary and supplied the Bucklin Circuit; 1904, Bucklin Circuit; 1905, appointed to Bucklin, changed by Presiding Elder to Brashear Circuit; 1906, Lakenan. He thinks that about 200 persons have been received into the Church during his ministry. His education was received at the country schools, except about two years in a graded school. He was married to Miss Anna Belle Hayes, June 28th, 1894, and have the following named children: Cranston Hayes, who died in infancy; Esther Marie, and Otis Theodore Farry. He considers his call to the ministry when only a boy, and after refusal to do his duty, his final entering into the work, as the most important crisis in his life. The "Biographies of Spurgeon," "Pierce," "Simpson," "Carradine's Works" and the "Christian's Secret of a Happy Life" are all books that have greatly helped him.

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Lewiston Ct.....G. B. Smith
Monticello Ct.....S. R. Dillman
Canton Sta.....T. Penn
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Saverton Ct.....C. I. Flory
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Stoutsville.....To be supplied
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Hunnewell Ct.....R. White
Supernumerary.....L. F. Parker
Shelbyville Ct.....J. J. Reed
Novelty Ct.....C. J. Chappell
Maywood Ct.....E. J. Speer
Kahoka Sta.....W. D. Neale
Prof. in Vanderbilt University.....
.....O. E. Brown
Prof. in Centenary Academy..C. I. Flory
Sunday School Secretary...H. C. Garrett

REV. ISAAC TIP NASH.

The greatness of God culminates in Sacrifice.—*Dr. Bushnell.*

By Rev. Ward M. Baker.

Rev. I. T. Nash, son of Reuel Nash and Mercy Nash, was born in Michigan, January 1st, 1864, and born again in a meeting conducted by Rev. D. C. O'Howell and Rev. George W. Mitchell, the latter of the Christian Union Church, in Holt, Missouri, in 1883. There was no church in the town then, but at an altar in the school house the great crisis of his life came in a happy conversion. With purpose of heart he has served God in the ministry to which God called him. He was educated in the public schools and for a short time at William Jewell College. July 29th, 1888, he was married to Miss Carrie E. Gill. Three sons, Vernon M. Nash, Emory P. Nash and Willard L. Nash, and two daughters, Eska W. Nash and Lois K. Nash, have blessed their home. Brother Nash was secured to supply the Missouri City Circuit the latter half of the Conference year 1885-1886. He was licensed to preach by the Second Quarterly Conference of that Circuit in March, 1886, Rev. D. C. O'Howell, Presiding Elder. He was received on trial September, 1886, at St. Joseph, Missouri, Bishop McTyeire, presiding; ordained Deacon at Gallatin, Missouri, by Bishop Hendrix, in September, 1888, and Elder by Bishop Key at Fayette, Missouri, in September, 1890. Being appointed to Hardin, 1886, he served for a year and was appointed to Cowgill; Bogard and Humphreys Circuits were each under his pastorate for a term of two years; on the Humphreys Circuit he built the Fairview and Hamilton churches. He then gave four of the best years of his life to the work in the bounds of the Hale charge; Jamesport for one year and built there a parsonage; Jameson Circuit, three years, and again building a parsonage; Lineville, 1900-1901. The full term of the pastorate was spent on the Norborne Station, with good ingatherings each year, increase of salary, full collections, better Sunday Schools, prayer meetings and League work, and then a crowning success, the magnificent new church costing $7,000. After having remained only one year at Plattsburg, he was made Presiding Elder of the Hannibal District. With careful and minute preparation, Brother Nash makes his pulpit a true throne; always clear, interesting and thoughtful, he makes truth stand forth most forcibly. "About his Father's business" summarizes his ministry. He advocates every principle and every reform that commends itself to his heart. He is fearless, steady and fruitful. He walks with God along the way leading the hosts onward.

REV. JOHN HAMPTON JACKSON.

Righteousness is the security of the Universe, and Heaven is the God-built, eternal home of men who touched the atoning Saviour With the reverent, grateful hand of Faith.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. John Hampton Jackson is a native of West Virginia. He is a son of Robert Francis Jackson and Phoebe Salina Jackson. He was converted January 21st, 1874, at Charleston, West Virginia, under the ministry of Rev. Adam Given, and joined the Church at the same time. He was licensed to preach April 18th, 1875, by the Quarterly Conference of Charleston District; Rev. Joshua C. Tinsley, preacher in charge, and Rev. L. B. Madison, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Cedar Grove Quarterly Conference, August 25th, 1875; and was received into the Annual Conference in 1877; Rev. Russell Chambers, Presiding Elder, and Bishop John C. Keener, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop David Seth Doggett, in 1879, at Clarkesburg, West Virginia; he was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Keener, in 1880, at Ashland, Kentucky. He has served the following appointments: New Martinsville, West Virginia, four years; Point Pleasant, one year; Catlettsburg, Kentucky, four years; Huntington, West Virginia, two years; Columbia, Missouri, four years; Mexico, two years; Park Church, Hannibal, four years; Hundley Church, St. Joseph, one year; Fulton, four years; Chillicothe, two years; now in second year of second pastorate at Park Church, Hannibal. He has received about two thousand persons into the Church. The following churches have been built under his pastorate: New Martinsville, West Virginia; Catlettsburg, Kentucky; Fulton, Missouri, and Park Church, Hannibal, Missouri. He attended the public schools of his state, the High School of Brighton, Pennsylvania, and the private school of Professor Patrick, at Charleston, West Virginia. He was married to Miss Ella S. Cox, September 26th, 1882, and their children are: John Joe Jackson, Ella Susan Jackson and Frank Wells Jackson. Some of the books aside from the Bible, which have been of great help to him are "Ralston's Elements of Divinity," "Bledsoe's Theodicy," and "Natural Law in Spiritual World." Brother Jackson is a popular preacher in the best sense of the word popular. He holds the attention of his audience with remarkable power, and it is a pleasure to hear him. He is strong in revival work and he brings up his church to marked efficiency.



REV. FIELDING MARVIN, D.D.

He that finds God a sweet, enveloping thought.—*Emerson.*

Fielding Marvin, son of Bishop Enoch Mather Marvin and Harriet Brotherton (Clark) Marvin, was born November 1st, 1849, at LaGrange, Missouri. Both parents were members of the Methodist Church. He was converted about 1864, at Mt. Zion Church, St. Charles County, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. R. P. Holt, and joined the Church at the same time and place. His growth in grace has been retarded by having met many defeats, but his daily motto is, "Fight the good fight of faith," and his prayer is to know and to be given strength to do the will of God. He was licensed to preach March 11th, 1889, by the Quarterly Conference of Palmyra Station, Hannibal District; Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, presiding at Quarterly Conference, and Rev. W. W. McMurry, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial that same year at the Third Quarterly Conference at Palmyra; was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1889; Rev. W. W. McMurry, Presiding Elder and Bishop J. C. Granbery, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, September 6th, 1891, at Maryville, Missouri, and ordained Elder by Bishop A. G. Haygood in September, 1893, at Monroe City, Missouri. Appointments served have been: Monroe City, Kirksville, Edina Circuit, New Franklin Circuit, Mexico, Macon, Fayette and Palmyra. He received his education at the public schools and Pritchett School Institute, now Pritchett College, at Glasgow, Missouri. He was married to Miss Georgia Casey, October 31st, 1895, and they have two children, Mather Casey Marvin and Edwin Lakenan Marvin. His conversion has been the most important crisis in his life. Some of the books, aside from the Bible, which have proven beneficial to him, have been Thomas A. Kempis' "Imitation of Christ," and Luthardt's "Fundamentals of Christianity."

REV. JOHN ANDERSON, D.D.

Men who have an ideal, and work under its inspiration and Influence, are the practical men who move the world.—*Dr. Wm. E. Mansey.*

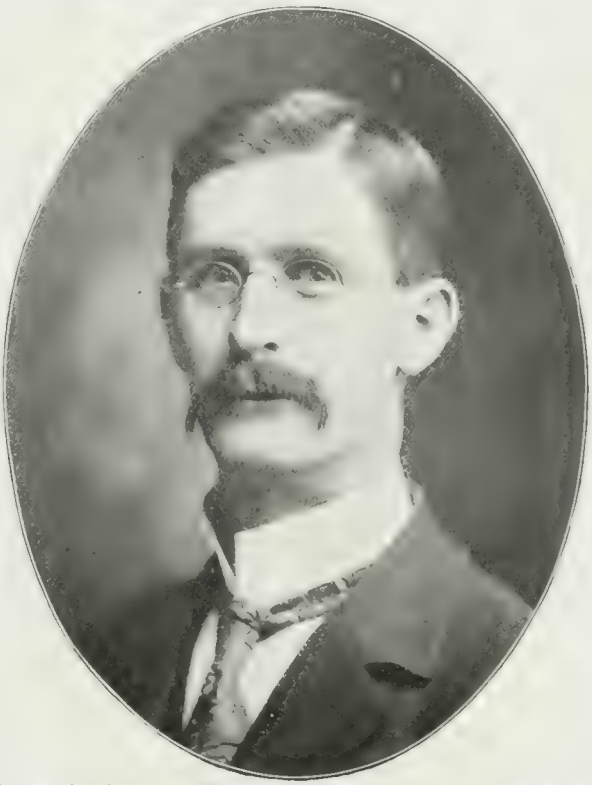
By Rev. W. A. Hanna.



Rev. John Anderson, D.D., son of George W. Anderson and Mary Anderson, was born in Platte County, Missouri, March 6th, 1848. He was converted when eight years old and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He entered Central College at Fayette, Missouri, in the fall of 1866, and in 1869 was graduated in the School of Moral Philosophy from the University of Virginia. In 1870 he was admitted into the traveling connection by the Missouri Conference, at Columbia, and was appointed to Maryville Circuit. He was married, March 22nd, 1872, to Miss Virginia Frances Drace, now deceased, and was at the same time transferred to the Pacific Conference. Failing in health, he made a study of law, but the flattering prospects before him were suppressed by the conviction that he had been called of God to preach. That he did not become a lawyer and compromise his call to preach by being a local preacher was due to the influence of that good man, Rev. C. I. VanDeventer. The following are his appointments to date: Tenth Street Church, St. Joseph, Missouri; Craig Circuit, Chillicothe District, Carrollton, Fayette, Agent of Howard College, Hannibal District, Macon District, Fayette District, Mexico District, Mexico, Gallatin and Arch Street, Hannibal. His children are: Dr. George Anderson, Mrs. Mary Minerva Porch, Galen Raymond Anderson, John Clark Anderson, Robert Enoch Anderson and Paul Drace Anderson. Dr. Anderson was elected delegate to the General Conferences of 1890, 1894, 1898 and 1902, and he most efficiently filled that responsible position. He has been a member of the Board of Curators of Central Female College, Howard-Payne College and Central College for many years. The plan of conducting our female Colleges by salaried Presidents was proposed and urged by him, and the present method has been brought about in a large measure by that presentation of the matter. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by Central College in 1901. On May 8th, 1906, he was married to Mrs. A. A. Mount, at Gallatin, Missouri. In his preaching he always places special emphasis on the main truth that Jesus Christ is a living, personal Saviour and man's only hope. He is a clear, strong and aggressive preacher, and a most earnest worker. He has had uniform prosperity in his work; as pastor and Presiding Elder, in building churches, in conversions and in additions to the Church.

REV. OSWALD EUGENE BROWN, A.M., D.D.

The history of human thought, since men began to think deeply Upon the person of Christ, shows that in the last analysis God Is in Christ reconciling the world unto himself.—*Bishop Hendrix.*



Rev. Oswald Eugene Brown was born near Canton, Missouri, December 8th, 1861. His father's family were Methodists and their house was ever the preacher's home. His mother's family, the Travises, were Presbyterians, and have furnished several ministers to that church. Both families came from Virginia about 1833 and settled in Lewis County, Missouri. Eugene attended the country schools and was a regular attendant upon church and Sunday School. He was baptized in infancy by the Rev. C. I. VanDeventer and when eleven years old took the vows of membership and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the pastorate of Rev. J. S. Smith. At fourteen years of age he entered Christian University at Canton, Missouri, from which institution he graduated, taking the A. B. degree in 1881, being valedictorian of his class. Later he was given the A. M. degree. For a few years he taught school, was deputy county clerk of Lewis County, Missouri, read law and was admitted to the bar, but feeling called of God to better things, he yielded to the promptings of the Spirit, and decided to give his life to God in the work of the minitsry. He deemed it important to be well prepared and equipped for the work so immediately went to Nashville, Tennessee, and entered Vanderbilt University, taking the B.D. degree in 1889. In his work there he received the Founder's Medal for highest grade in the entire course and was appointd to a graduate fellowship which gave him another year at Vanderbilt. At the close of his work in Vanderbilt he offered himself as a missionary, was accepted and assigned to China. In August, 1890, he was married to Miss Anne J. Muse of Atlanta, Georgia, who was a returned missionary. They at once sailed for China, where for two years he studied the language and worked earnestly among this people, his wife being a great help to him, she having spent several years in the work. He had just begun to preach in Chinese when he was elected Professor to the Chair of Church History in Vanderbilt University. He at first refused to leave the mission field, but receiving letters from some of the bishops and the biblical faculty of the University urging the importance of the work of training young men for the ministry, after earnest prayer for guidance, he yielded, feeling God was calling him to the work. He and Mrs. Brown returned to Nashville in October, 1892, and he took up his work there, being useful in strengthening the faith and zeal of many of our young ministers. He is much sought after for missionary addresses. He spends his summer vacation giving Bible study work at Student Conferences. These Conferences, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Young Women's Christian Association, claim much of his thought and time. He is especially interested in the Sunday school work, conducting an adult Bible class at Tulip Street Church in Nashville, and he contributes regularly to the Sunday School Magazine. Some years ago Central College conferred the degree of D. D. upon him. His work in the University still continues, where he enjoys the privilege of directing the thought of many of the important work to which they are called.

This page is presented by Mrs. R. K. Brown.

MR. WILIAM McMURRAY.

The most beautiful sight on earth is an aged saint of God,
Growing cheerful in his faith as life advances, becoming mellowed
In his love, and more and more visibly pervaded and brightened
By the clear light of Religion.—*Dr. Bushnell.*



The subject of this sketch was born near Lebanon, Kentucky, December 10th, 1795. His father, John McMurray, was of Scotch blood, claiming his descent from the Earl of Murray, thus connecting him with the Stuart line of Scotland and England and through them back to Robert Bruce. John McMurray pre-empted six hundred acres of land in the Kentucky wilderness in 1788, and took his wife and babe from Hampshire County, Virginia, to his claim, accompanied by three brothers and a sister with their families. He proceeded at once to establish a home where he lived the remainder of his days, rearing a family of four sons and five daughters, all of whom lived to see their grandchildren. The babe mentioned above, carried by the mother on horseback from Virginia to Kentucky, eventually became the mother of Sue A. Morrison of Denver, Colorado, who died March 3d, 1907, and who was perhaps the most widely known woman in Southern Methodism. When the subject of this sketch attained the age of eighteen years the call was made by the Governor for men to go to the help of General Jackson at New Orleans; he responded and was sent down and took part in that memorable battle. He was reared under Presbyterian influences. His father was one of eleven persons who formed a Presbyterian society in a log cabin in the woods where Lebanon, Ky., now stands. He never made any open profession of religion or joined any church until after his marriage in 1822. The Methodists had no organization before that time in the settlement, but Rev. W. H. Kavanaugh held a meeting in the neighborhood, and about all the McMurrays were swept into the church, this one with the rest. He was soundly converted and became a very active, zealous member and remained so the balance of his days. He was of the shouting variety. During his last sickness, which was of six months' duration, he would, while lying quietly on his bed, suddenly break forth in shouts of praises. He literally went to Heaven shouting. His religion was a very conscientious type; duty and obligation were terms much in use with him. In 1835 he moved with his family to Marion County, Missouri. Church privileges were very meager then in that region, and he held prayer meeitngs in private houses. In the fall of 1835 Rev. L. B. Stateler was sent to the Canton Circuit, a class was formed in his house, and that was the preaching place. In 1842 he moved to Shelby County, Missouri, and a class was organized in his house there, and this continued to be the preaching place while he lived. It was his desire to have one of his sons preach the Word, and a few years after his departure from earth his son, Rev. W. W. McMurray was admitted into the Missouri Conference and did valiant service in his chosen calling. William McMurray fell asleep on February 23d, 1852. This memorial page is furnished by Brother John F. McMurry of Shelbina, Mo.

MRS. MARTHA ELLEN LOWMAN.

But the sheet-anchor of the boy's tenderness was his mother.
—Dr. D. R. McAnally.



Mrs. Martha Ellen Lowman was born in Lebanon, Kentucky, in the year 1833. She was the daughter of Mr. Marcus Graham who came to Virginia in an early day from County Tyrone, North Ireland, a county lying south of Londonderry. The family was Scotch-Irish to the bone, and Presbyterian. Mrs. Lowman was brought up a Protestant and a Presbyterian. A sister, Mrs. A. J. Bricken, of Lebanon, Kentucky, survives and abides a Presbyterian. A brother, Mr. James R. Graham, lives at Clinton, Kentucky, and is a Methodist. Mrs. Lowman was married twice; first to Emmanuel Lemon Gray of Bardstown, Kentucky, and to this union eight children were born, four of them having been taken to the heavenly home in infancy. The family came to Shelby County, Missouri, in 1852. One of the sons, Mr. William Robert Gray, lives near Bacon Chapel in Shelby County. Another son, Mr. David Graham Gray, lives near Clarence, Missouri. Rev. M. L. Gray, of the Missouri Conference, is also one of her sons. Her only daughter, Mrs. Anna J. Ballard, lives at Bacon Chapel. Emmanuel Lemon Gray died in 1869 and is buried in Patton Cemetery near Morris Chapel, Shelby County, Missouri. In 1872 Mrs. Gray married Mr. William O. Lowman. Mr. Lowman was one of the honored citizens of Shelby County, and a Methodist. His son, Mr. S. B. Lowman, was county surveyor of Shelby County for sixteen years, and his daughter, Mrs. Mary J. Duncan, is the mother of Rev. Charles B. Duncan of the Missouri Conference. Mrs. Martha Ellen Lowman, by a branch of the Graham family living in Philadelphia, is related to Bishop Duncan of Spartanburg, South Carolina. It was pioneer life in Shelby county when the family first came out from Kentucky and among the neighbors may be mentioned Mr. Robert Graham, William Graham, John Graham, Lacy Morris, David Noble, James Chenoweth, Joseph Perry, Rev. W. W. McMurry, John McMurry and William Hirlinger. Most of these are no more. Mrs. Lowman died September 17th, 1900, and is buried at Morris Chapel, Shelby County, Missouri. At the burial loving friends had lined the grave with white and roses and there the dearest of mothers sleeps till the dawning of the day.

Mr. William R. Gray married Miss Cornelia Carroll and they have one daughter, Mrs. Bertha McMaster, living near Shelbyville. Mr. David G. Gray married Miss Mollie Melson and they have six children—Florence, William Lemon, Frank, Anna Pearl, Martha Ellen, and Joseph Gray.

REV. WILLIAM WESLEY McMURRY.

He nee's no foil but shines by his own proper light.—*Dryden.*

By Rev. Charles B. Duncan, A. M.



William Wesley McMurry was born in Marion County, Missouri, March 24th, 1837. He was the eighth child of a family of ten children. His parents, William and Elizabeth Wilson McMurry, were from Marion County, Kentucky. He was converted and joined the church at a camp-meeting held at the old North River camp ground near Shelbyville, Missouri, in the year 1855. After one year in the Shelbyville High School and two years spent in teaching district school he was licensed to preach, and received on trial into the Missouri Conference in the fall of 1858. Two years later he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Kavanaugh at St. Charles. In March, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky, he was ordained elder. May 31, 1862, he was married to Miss Mary E. Williams of Colony, Missouri, who contributed her share to the success of his life-work. To them were born eleven children, one of whom, Dr. W. F. McMurry, is now Secretary of the General Board of Church Extension. Two years of his active ministry were spent as principal of Shelbyville High School, thirteen years in the Presiding Eldership, and nineteen in the pastorate. For two years during the Civil war he retired to his farm. In 1890, he was a delegate to the General Conference at St. Louis. In 1894, he took the supernumerary relation and one year later superannuated. He sustained this relation to the church until his death at Shelbina, Missouri, April 4, 1904.

In his character were united strong native gifts with deep fervent piety. Sound judgment, foresight, wisdom, courage, unselfishness, sympathy and simplicity all combined to make him a strong and useful man. As a preacher he had rare gifts. His preaching was strong, clear, very spiritual and always inspiring. His message was delivered with an unction and tenderness that always reached the hearts of his hearers and the results were permanent. Many young men were called of God to preach under his ministry. Forty-five from Shelby County have entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he, more than any other man is responsible for the type of Methodism that prevails there. He was very successful as a church-builder. In addition to a number of others he was instrumental in building ten in one county. He was a wise counselor and men seemed to instinctively turn to him for advice. As a Presiding Elder he demonstrated most clearly his great abilities. He knew men and could lead and inspire them. He also had comprehensive and thorough knowledge of his district and knew how to suit men to their work. He was fruitful in initiating improvements and skillful in bringing such enterprises to a consummation. He possessed many of the elements of ecclesiastical statesmanship. He was that type of Christian manhood which parents delight to hold before their children as an example. He will continue to speak through the years to come, and the measure of his influence, especially upon the Methodism of Northeast Missouri, can be determined only in eternity.

REV. BERRY HILL SPENCER.

The Infinite Love concentrates in the Cross.—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Rev. E. D. Watson, A. M.

Born March 23, 1819. Died August 2, 1883.



His parents, Thomas Spencer and Elizabeth Senter Spencer, lived in Burk County, North Carolina, where Berry Hill was born March 23, 1819. They came to Missouri that year, settling in Cape Girardeau County, where the son grew to manhood. The parents were staunch Methodists, the mother especially a devout and earnest Christian, impressing her character upon her children, emphatically so upon Berry Hill, who joined the church when sixteen as a seeker and on probation under the ministry of the sainted Rev. Uriel Haw. He was soundly converted, when 19, while his mother was praying by the bedside of a sick sister, who, with another sister, was also converted at the same time. Solemnly impressed with his duty to preach, he was licensed to exhort by his pastor, Rev. Nelson Henry of the Ripley Mission. Such was the confidence placed in him that, while yet an exhorter, he was placed in charge of Ripley Mission January 5, 1842. At his first Quarterly Conference he was licensed to preach, Rev. Nelson Henry, Presiding Elder. In September he was appointed by the Presiding Elder to take charge of Greenville Circuit. He was received on trial into the Missouri Conference at Lexington in September, 1843, Bishop Soule presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Soule at Columbia, October 7, 1845, and Elder by Bishop Capers at Glasgow October 3, 1847. He was married to Miss Caroline Mourning Clark Austin of Monroe County, October 11th, 1849. Their children are Mary Elizabeth Thomas, Palmyra, Missouri; Thomas Edwin Spencer, St. Louis, Missouri; Richard Austin Spencer, Hannibal, Missouri; Martha Susan Eakle, Amarillo, Texas; William Linn Spencer, Des Moines, Iowa; Ida Davis Strother, Kansas City, Missouri; Carrie May Boulware, Palmyra; Dora Hill Spencer (deceased); Bertie Beryl Watson (wife of Rev. E. D. Watson of the Missouri Conference); Jessie Mansfield Nichols, Palmyra, Missouri. The wife died while on a visit at Kansas City December 6th, 1900.

His appointments were as follows: Oregon Circuit, 1843; Carrollton, 1844, 1845; Brunswick, 1846; Paris, 1847, 1848; Fayette, 1849; Liberty, 1850; Fulton, 1851; Columbia, 1852, 1853; St. Louis, 1854; Hannibal, 1855; Palmyra, 1856, 1857; Louisiana, 1858; Presiding Elder Fayette District, 1859; Presiding Elder St. Charles District, 1860, 1861, 1862. Banished to Indiana in 1863; Presiding Elder St. Charles District, 1864, 1865; Presiding Elder Hannibal District, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869; Shelbyville Circuit, 1870; Hydesburg Circuit, 1871; Presiding Elder Macon District, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875; Hydesburg Circuit, 1876; Mount Olivet Circuit, 1877, 1878; Monroe City Circuit, 1879; Presiding Elder Fayette District, 1880, 1881; Monroe City Circuit, 1882.

From the very first of his long ministry the greatest confidence was reposed in him by his brethren of the ministry. He was elected delegate to the General Conference, and was a member of every session, but one, of that body from 1858 to 1882.

MR. THOMAS E. THOMPSON.

Sacred things disclosed their divinest significance to him; he Heard inaudible voices and saw the Invisible.—*Bishop Marvin.*

By Colonel R. E. Anderson.



Thomas E. Thompson was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, April 9, 1809. At the age of 17 years he was converted. Upon the death of the Superintendent of the School in which he was engaged he was put in his place and for forty-six years, with scarcely a break, he held this office, first in Virginia and then in Missouri. He had the genial nature which gives a man power with children and the earnest faith which feels the worth of the soul and the value of Divine knowledge. Upon his conversion he joined the Methodist Church in Fauquier County, Virginia, in 1826. On the 28th of June, 1832, he was married to Miss Margaret M. A. Williams. In 1836, Brother Thompson moved to Ralls County, Missouri, and shortly afterwards went to Hannibal and engaged in Mercantile pursuits. As an accountant he was eminently skillful, painstaking and accurate. He was not honest in a merely formal way. He had that spirit of integrity which gave his character a very fine fiber and high tone.

Owing to his general adaptability to the office, he was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County in 1874 and came to Palmyra to reside and continued in that capacity for twelve consecutive years. More than once he was elected Mayor of the city and in that position his administration was systematic, economical and just, while monuments of his good judgment and artistic taste are still visible in many localities.

Pressed with the cares of higher duties he inaugurated a system of private banking and became the custodian of large amounts of money, and in this way did much good in financial circles and conferred equal benefits on all classes. In 1867 he was elected President of the Marion County Savings Bank and continued in that capacity until April 11, 1873, when he was removed by his sudden and lamented death. Though he made the Sunday School work a specialty he had an intelligent interest in all the affairs and enterprises of the Church. His sympathies were world-wide and took in the whole scope of the Master's kingdom. He prayed and labored for the extension of the dominion of Christ over all nations. From the time that lay delegation was introduced into the Church he was chosen a delegate to every session of the Missouri Conference. He was also a member of the General Conference in 1870, and of the Sunday School convention at Nashville in 1871. In these bodies he was active and efficient in committee work.

Bishop Marvin in speaking of him, says: "My acquaintance with Brother Thompson began when I took charge of the church at Hannibal in the fall of 1846. I was his pastor afterwards in Palmyra. There was never the slightest shadow between us. There was always the open sunlight of sunlight and love. How I loved this man! Even now I rejoice in the expectation that this hallowed friendship, incipient on earth, will be crowned and consummated in heaven."

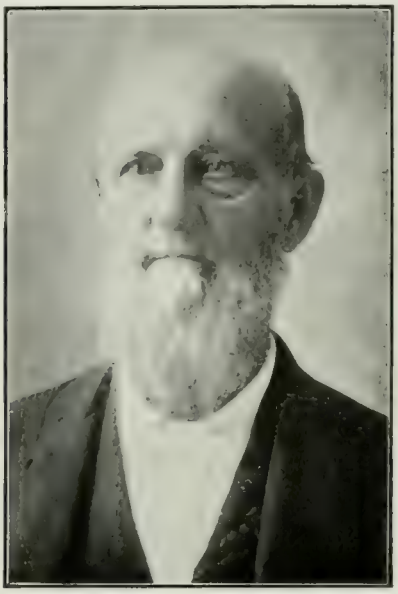


PALMYRA SUNDAY SCHOOL

PALMYRA METHODIST SABBATH SCHOOL.

THOMAS E. THOMPSON, SUPT.

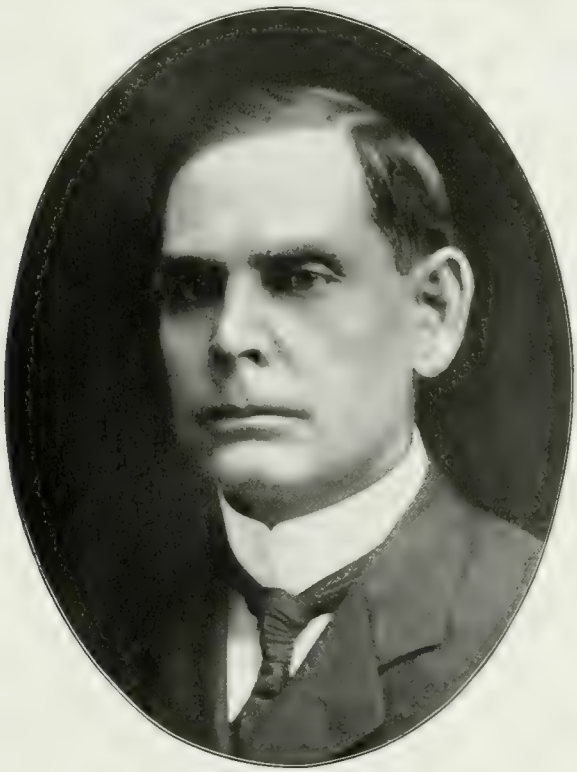
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251. Rev. F. A. Savage
252. Rev. Mr. Cox
253. Rev. W. O. Cross
254. Mr. Th. E. Thompson, Superintendent.



REV. JOSEPH SIMPSON TODD, A. M.

For he looked for a City which hath foundations, whose Builder and maker is God.—*St. Paul.*

Rev. Joseph Simpson Todd was born in West Virginia October 31st, 1826. Both of his parents, William Todd and Mary E. Todd, were members of the Old School Presbyterian Church. When he was fourteen years old he joined the Old School Presbyterian Church, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1849. His mother had such a saving influence over him that he felt he was converted from infancy, but definitely and fully in February, 1848. His growth in grace was steady and continued from the time of his full conversion and call to preach. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Columbia Circuit, Rev. Andrew Monroe presiding; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to th Annual Conference for admission on trial; Rev. P. M. Pinkard, preacher in charge; he was received into the Annual Conference in 1850, at Canton, Rev. Andrew Monroe Presiding Elder and Bishop pro tem. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Paine, in October, 1852; ordained Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh, in 1854, at Brunswick, Missouri. He has served the following charges: Richmond Circuit, Liberty, Plattsburg, Weston, Columbia, Clarksville and Paynesville, Lagrange, located in 1857, readmitted in 1873, and had charge of Clarence Circuit, Palmyra Circuit, Shelbyville High School and station, and readmitted same fall, 1873; Shelbyville Circuit, one year; Monroe City, two years; Monticello, two years; Shelbyville, two years; Hunnewell, two years; Hydesburgh, one year; Cairo, one year; Bloomington, one year; Palmyra Circuit, two years; Glasgow, one year; Rocheport, one year. Rev. J. Y. Blakey and Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., were converted under his ministry and taken into the church at Shelbyville. Four churches were built under his pastorate. He attended and was graduated from Alexandria College, West Virginia. One year he had charge of the Shelbyville High School. He was a strong believer in Christian education and sent his sons to Central College, Fayette, Missouri. He was married to Miss Mary E. Miller, October 3d, 1858, and their children are Mary E. Todd, Edna Todd, Wallace Todd, Maggie Todd, Josephine Todd, Hugh Todd, Callie Todd and Charles Todd. All of his children are happily converted. Brother Todd was a clear thinker, a forcible speaker, and a preacher of the first class. His sermons were full of meat for the thoughtful. He has gone to his eternal reward on high.



REV. SAMUEL HAYMAN WAINRIGHT, M.D., D.D.

The waves of Infinite Love, agitated by the Death-pain of Jesus,
May wash all the shores of Eternity and of Being.
—*Bishop Marvin.*

Rev. Samuel Hayman Wainwright was born April 15th, 1863, at Columbus, Illinois. He is a son of Rev. Daniel Thomas Wainwright and Amanda F. Wainwright. His father was a preacher in the Missouri Conference and his mother also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Brother Samuel H. Wainright joined the church in childhood, at Monticello, Missouri, and afterwards united with the church in Shelbyville, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. J. M. O'Bryen. His conversion was in direct answer to the earnest prayers of a sister. At the very hour when the decision was made this devoted sister at a distant place was on her knees making intercession for him. Dr. Wainwright has grown in the deep things of God. His hold on divine things is remarkable and his steadfast Christian life naturally follows. He was licensed to preach in Kobe, Japan, and the Quarterly Conference of Kobe recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in August, 1894; and was ordained Deacon and Elder by Bishop Wilson, also at Kobe, in August, 1898. For eighteen years Dr. Wainwright was head of the Methodist College for Boys at Kobe, Japan, called the Kwansei Gakuin. He finished the common and high schools and was graduated from the Missouri Medical College of St. Louis, and received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Central College. He was married to Miss Margaret M. Todd, December 30th, 1886, and they have three children, Daniel Todd Wainwright, Samuel Hayman Wainwright and Elizabeth Agee Wainwright. He considers the decision to go to the foreign field in 1888 as possibly the most important crisis in his life. Dr. Wainwright has been a great student and a close reader of many books, both Japanese and English. Philosophy has been his favorite subject, aside from the Bible, which he studies daily in the original. Dr. Wainwright is more than a reader of books. He is a profound and reasonable thinker. His sermons are strong and helpful. He has been elected President of the Japan Annual Conference twice, and three times delegate to the General Conference. Such a man gives substantial influence to the Foreign Missionary enterprise.



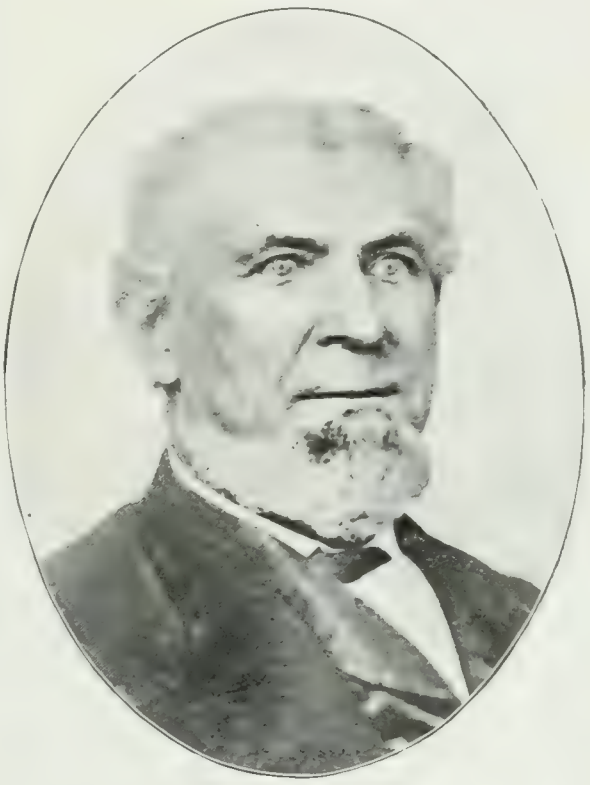
REV. AMBROSE PRESTON LINN.

What shares our suffering is to share our glory.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Rev. Ambrose Preston Linn was born in Virginia, August 26th, 1833, and came to Missouri at the age of sixteen years. Soon afterwards he was converted and began regular work in the church at about the age of eighteen. His conversion was clear and satisfactory. The fruits of it remained to the end. He made steady growth in grace and exercised his love and faith in many gracious revivals of religion. By this means he grew to the full stature of a man in Christ Jesus. He was received into the Annual Conference for admission on trial in 1851, at Fayette, Missouri, Bishop Capers presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrew in 1853 at Palmyra, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop Early in 1855 at Richmond, Missouri. He served the following appointments: Clarksville and Paynesville Circuits, Fulton, Lagrange, Edina, Louisiana, Lagrange, Huntsville, and Chillicothe, Southwest Missouri Conference at Nevada, Wentzville, Monroe City, Clarence and Hydesburg. He received hundreds into the church. In fact, he was a great revivalist, and his harvest of souls was great. The church at Huntsville was built under his pastorate. He was twice married, first to Miss Mary J. Glasscock, who died in July, 1863, and he was again married to Miss Anna E. Martin January 11th, 1866, who now survives him. The names of his children are Edwin M. Linn, Harry E. Linn, Paul H. Linn and Nellie M. Linn. He lead the hosts of Israel in many a hard-fought battle and by the help of the Lord he won the day. He was a fine singer and was a member of the Palmyra meeting that determined the future of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in this State. He was a powerful revivalist and in great demand for meetings, preaching much at camp-grounds. He died at Monroe City, Missouri, June 10th, 1885.

REV. THOMAS DEMOSS.

He came to his grave in full character, in full preparedness,
Meet for the Master's use.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. Thomas DeMoss, born May the 14th, 1813, died at Monroe City, Mo., November 23, 1876, in the sixty-fourth year of his life. His ancestors, an old French family, sought refuge in this country, on the breaking out of the French Revolution in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and settled on the Ohio River in Campbell County, Kentucky. The father of the subject of this sketch never identified himself with any religious order, but his mother, a native of Kentucky, was converted in early life and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She left the impress of her Christian character on her children, two of whom were Methodist preachers.

Educational facilities at that day in Kentucky were meager, and young DeMoss acquired only such education as the country schools and a few terms at the Brooksville Academy, an educational enterprise maintained at the metropolis of his native country, could furnish. On this rudimental foundation, with an attentive mind and studious habits he was enabled to keep abreast of the times in after-life on general information. In his seventeenth year he was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and two years later was licensed to preach. At the annual session of the Kentucky Conference in 1834 he applied for admission and an examination was admitted and assigned work. He maintained that relation sixteen years, filling various stations and charges in connection therewith. At the annual session of the Conference in 1836 he was ordained a Deacon and subsequently received the order of Elder, but by whom these orders were conferred this writer cannot now recall.

During the eventful session of the Kentucky Conference in 1844 he aligned with the party of the South and assisted in adjusting the affairs of the Church to the new order of things, occasioned by the division of the Church. He was an able and zealous expounder of the doctrine of the Church. Many men and women were converted under his ministry, who subsequently became useful and influential members of the Methodist Church.

In the autumn of 1855 he removed with his family to Missouri, with the intention of engaging in agricultural pursuits. Providence, however, ordained otherwise. At the session of the Missouri Conference, held at Hannibal in 1856, he again entered the itineracy and continued to serve the Church in that capacity for twenty-one years. His first charge was at Hannibal and the last at Edina in Knox County.

Early in his ministry he was married to Katherine Richards, an amiable Christian woman, well-fitted by disposition and culture to become the companion and solace of an itinerant Methodist minister. She survived her husband many years and died at the home of her daughter, near Glasgow, in 1898, and was gathered to her fathers. This memorial page has been furnished by Mr. J. M. DeMoss, a son of the deceased.

REV. HENRY BASCOM WATSON.

Born, April 21, 1838. Died, February 14, 1889.

But they shall flourish from the tomb,
The breath of God shall wake them into odorous bloom. —*Keble.*

By Rev. Edgar D. Watson, A. M.



His father, David Watson, a native of York District, South Carolina, settled near the present site of Louisiana, Missouri, in 1810, and there resided till his death, November 23, 1860. His mother, Mary Neville Edmunds, a native of Virginia, lived with her mother near Clarksville, Missouri, where she was married to David Watson, July 3, 1834. Henry Bascom was born at the old homestead near Louisiana, Missouri, April 21, 1838, and there grew to manhood. Both parents were deeply religious, and loyal and devoted Methodists, and the son was thoroughly trained in religious matters. He united with the church when but twelve years old. Convinced of his call to the ministry, he attended school at Louisiana, St. Charles College, Howard High School (Central at Fayette), and Wesleyan University, Middleton, Connecticut. He was licensed to preach and recommended for admission into the Missouri Conference by the Louisiana Quarterly Conference in 1858, Rev. B. H. Spencer P. C., and Rev. A. Monroe, Presiding Elder. He was received at St. Joseph, September, 1859, Bishop Paine, presiding. He was appointed as follows: Junior preacher, Danville Circuit; Rev. J. W. Cook, P. C., 1859; P. C., Danville Circuit, 1860; Junior Preacher, St. Charles Circuit; Rev. Tyson Dines, P. C., 1861-1862; Junior Preacher, Bloomington and Kirksville; Rev. W. Toole, P. C., 1863; located in 1864 to look after his mother's affairs. No Bishop being present he had never been ordained. He was married October 6, 1864, to Miss Gertrude Moore, of Fairfax County, Virginia. Their children are: Edgar David Watson, of the Missouri Conference; Minnie (deceased); Cora Campbell Watson, Palmyra, Missouri; Maud (deceased); Mary Gertrude Bailey, Palmyra, Missouri; H. Bascom Watson (deceased); Henry B. Watson (deceased); Mrs. Gertrude Watson is living at Palmyra. After residing a year at St. Charles he went to Bolivar, where he engaged in teaching, afterwards being admitted to the bar. Here his mother died and he at once sacrificed everything to re-enter the Missouri Conference, and he was re-admitted at Glasgow, October 7, 1875. He was ordained Deacon September 16, and Elder, Sepptember 17, 1876, at Hannibal by Bishop McTyeire. His appointments were as follows: Shelbina, 1875-1876; Hannibal, Fifth Street (Park), 1878-1879; Columbia, 1880-1881; Sturgeon, 1882; Glasgow, 1883, 1884, 1885; Pueblo, Colorado (Denver Conference), 1886; Shelbina Circuit, 1887; Shelbina Station, 1888.

The work he accomplished, the power he manifested, and the indomitable purpose he revealed were astonishing to all who knew the suffering he endured. Even in his hours of extremest weakness and misery, which would have made most men helpless, his preaching was "in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." He was ready to go. "It is all right. He knows best. God makes no mistakes.," were among his last words, as he fell asleep. He was beloved by all who knew him, and his memory is precious.

REV. J. S. FRAZIER.

Loving God, I am happy; living in God, I am safe.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

By Rev. Fielding Marvin, D. D.

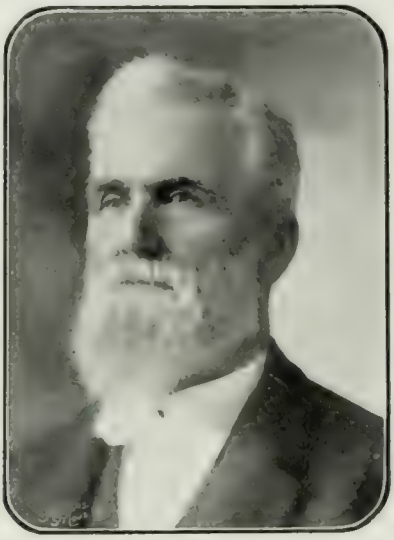
Rev. J. S. Frazier was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, May 24th, 1838. While yet a mere youth he came with his parents to Missouri. While living with an uncle in Cape Girardeau County he was converted under the ministry of Rev. Samuel Huffman. At the old McKendree Chapel, the first Methodist church erected in Southeast Missouri, his conversion occurred. Brother Frazier joined the St. Louis Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the fall of 1864, having done some ministerial work as a supply before his admission into the Conference. At this Conference he was ordained local Deacon by Bishop Kavanaugh. In 1868 he was ordained Elder by Bishop Marvin. His first regular appointment was Fredericktown, and during this year there were, under his ministry, one hundred and forty conversions. From that time to his superannuation, Brother Frazier's ministry was a successful one. Hundreds were brought into the light and received into the church, and in the pastoral work and in the work of starting church-building and parsonage-building enterprises this man took an active part. He served also the following charges: Springfield, New Madrid, St. James, Rolla, Merrimac, Kirkwood, Manchester, Bridgeton, Charleston and Charleston District. After serving Charleston District three years he was transferred to the Missouri Conference. Here he served O'Fallon and Cottleville, Liberty, Palmyra, Huntsville, Louisiana, Canton, Hunnewell Circuit, Bowling Green Circuit and Troy. While at Troy, his health failing, he took superannuated relation.

Some of the trying experiences of the Civil War fell to the lot of this Southern Methodist preacher, experiences such as many preachers had in Missouri, for he labored during the times of the test oath administration, and preached at the peril of arrest and imprisonment. But the Supreme Court of the United States after a while pronounced such legislation unconstitutional and our hitherto hampered and harrassed preachers could proclaim without restraint the glad news of salvation to men.

Brother Frazier's ministry has extended almost over the entire state and his name is known and honored in all the Conferences of Missouri. It is refreshing to hear him talk of Kavanaugh and Pierce, of Doggett, Wightman and Keener and other leaders of a generation that has passed away.

He is a large minded true preacher of the gospel. Repentance and faith and forgiveness he offers to sinners, all in the name of Christ.

Brother Frazier is ever ready by word and work to serve the Master. Though superannuated he is not idle. The interests of the church are still upon his heart and though physical strength is not so great as in earlier years, yet the freshness and vigor of his prayers and sermons are truly uplifting, and the testimony of his faith and love gives courage and strength to the church.



REV. ENOCH KIRBY MILLER, D. D.

On life's fair tree fast by the throne of God,
What golden joys ambrosial clustering glow
In His full beam, and ripen for the just.—*Young.*

Rev. Enoch Kirby Miller, son of Samuel Miller and Sarah Miller, was born near Palmyra, Missouri, October 3rd, 1829. He was converted while teaching school in his eighteenth year, under the ministry of Rev. B. H. Spencer. About two years later he was married to Miss Pyrena Maupin, who lived only a short time thereafter. He then resolved to obey his convictions to enter the ministry. Accordingly he was licensed to preach at a Quarterly Conference of Paris Circuit, at Spencer's Chapel, May, 1851, Rev. Jacob Lanius, Presiding Elder. One week later he was admitted into the traveling connection of the Missouri Conference at Fayette, Missouri, and was appointed to Columbia Circuit as junior preacher. The next two years he was on the Edina Circuit, and during that time he was married to Miss Virginia Maynard. In 1854-1855, he served Canton charge, the next year at Shelbyville, then St. Joseph, Station two years, where he built old Francis Street Church. Here his second wife died, leaving two small children, the elder one, Mr. Andrew Miller, of Springfield, Missouri, still lives; the younger son dying in childhood. The year 1858-1859 he was Presiding Elder of Savannah District; the next two years he was stationed at Hannibal, where he was married to Miss Anna Green, of New York, who only lived a short while. From Hannibal he was sent to Chillicothe Station. In 1862 he, in company with Rev. Enoch M. Marvin, started to the General Conference at New Orleans, but when they reached Batesville, Arkansas, they learned the Conference had been postponed. On his return he was arrested by the State Militia and thrown into prison, and remained a prisoner until the last of January, 1863. In 1864 he was transferred to the Pacific Conference, where he served Sacramento two years; San Francisco, two years; Sacramento District, four years; San Jose, two years; Colusa, four years; then transferred back to the Missouri Conference in 1878, and pastor of Francis Street Church, at St. Joseph, Missouri, four years; Columbia Station, two years; Park Church, Hannibal, two years; Mexico Station, four years; Presiding Elder, Fayette District, four years; Mexico District, two years; Plattesburg District, three years; Hannibal District, four years; he was then superannuated. The manner of his death was beautiful; the messenger came to him suddenly and apparently without pain. The finger of death touched him while sitting alone in his room looking out of the window upon the world mantled with snow, as the evening sun was closing the day—fit close of so beautiful a life. Dr. Miller was married to Miss Lucy R. Jones, in San Francisco, May 12th, 1868. For thirty-six years they journeyed together. Their only child, Mrs. Mary Crider, with her two children, survives to share the mother's sorrow. Dr. Miller was a genial, Christian gentleman, modest but courtly in all his bearings.



REV. FRANCIS ASBURY TAYLOR, A.M.

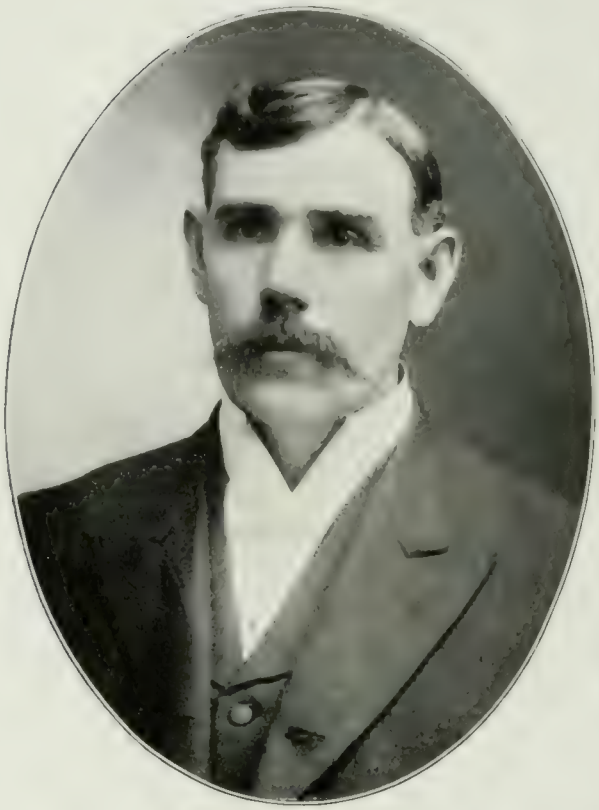
Thought, too, delivered, is the more possessed;
Teaching we learn; and giving we retain.—*Young.*

Francis Aubry Taylor, son of John J. and Mary E. Taylor, was born in Shelby County, Missouri, September 12, 1842. His parents were natives of Virginia and came to Missouri in 1839. He was converted at the age of twelve years and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His early education was obtained at Shelby High School, and he graduated with honor at Illinois College, taking the degree of A. B. and A. M. After graduating he returned to his native State and taught one year in Palmyra Seminary. Then he taught four years in Central College at Fayette, Missouri. After teaching about ten years he joined the Southwest Missouri Conference, having been licensed to preach in 1870. After preaching four years his health failed, and he came to Florida in 1881. His health having improved, he edited the "Citizen" at Apopka for three years. In 1889 he was elected professor of Mathematics and Greek in the Florida Conference College at Leesburg, where he remained seven years. He returned to the itinerant work in 1897 in the Florida Conference. He has served Callahan, High Springs, Waldo, Bowling Green and Maitland Circuits. He was twice married, and has a wife and four living children, two daughters and two sons.

Brother Frank Taylor was teaching in Shelbyville High School, when the writer first knew him. He was then associated with Rev. W. W. McMurry, who took great interest in educational matters. Among the many men of noble character who have helped to make Central College at Fayette stands the name of Rev. Francis Asbury Taylor.

REV. JOHN JEFFERSON REED.

All that was lying frozen at my heart thou hast melted,
And put in motion.—*Goethe.*



Rev. John Jefferson Reed, son of Robert Stephenson Reed and Sarah Jane Reed, was born in Marshall County, Mississippi, March 5th, 1858. Both of his parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in the fall of 1867, in a revival meeting held in Douglas County, Missouri, while visiting an uncle, but did not join the church until September 3rd, 1882, under the ministry of Rev. J. G. L. Mitchell. Being but a boy, nine years old, under the preaching of the Word in this meeting, he felt for the first time in his life the real need of salvation. He had been properly taught from childhood, but now felt the need of a personal, conscious salvation. As soon as the invitation was given for penitents to come forward, he hastened to the altar and received the blessing of salvation. The experience of salvation has grown sweeter and better to him as the years have passed along; a salvation that is genuine, yet grows richer. God's promises are more precious, and his confidence in them, and in Him who made them, deepens and widens. He is growing in grace and in the knowledge of things heavenly. His love for all men is manifested in the life he is living and the work he is trying to do to save them. He was licensed to preach just two weeks after he joined the church; Rev. J. G. L. Mitchell was pastor, and Rev. Joseph King was Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the same Quarterly Conference, the Quarterly Conference of the Henderson Circuit, September 3rd, 1883; was received into the Southwest Missouri Annual Conference at Boonville, September 26th, 1883; Rev. Joseph King, Presiding Elder, and Bishop A. W. Wilson, presiding; was received into full connection in the Conference at Lexington, October 3rd, 1885; ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Granbery, at Lexington, Missouri, October 4th, 1885; ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix at Springfield, Missouri, October 2nd, 1887. Appointments served: Southwest Missouri Conference, Ozark Circuit, 1883-1885; Marshfield Circuit, 1885-1886; Springfield Circuit, 1886-1888; Willard Circuit, 1888-1889; Bolivar Circuit, 1889-1891; Morrisville Station, 1891-1893; Blue Springs Circuit, 1893-1895; Carterville Station, 1895-1896; Newtonia Circuit, 1896-1898; Sheldon Circuit, 1898-1901; Missouri Conference, LaBelle Circuit, 1901-1904; Shelbyville Circuit, 1904, to present. Eight hundred and twenty-seven persons have been received into the church during the term of his ministry. The church at Stella, Ozark, Aldrich, and the one at Williamstown were all built during his pastorat at those several places. His education was received at the public schools, Henderson Academy and Mountain Dale Seminary. He was married February 21st, 1883, to Miss Susie Edwards, who died February 17th, 1892; of this marriage the following children were born: Clarence Eugene Reed, Charley Robert Reed, Sarah Iva Reed and Nellie May Reed. He was married September 18th, 1893, to Miss Sarah Antine Appleby, and they have the following named children: Nora Appleby Reed, who died during infancy, Zula Belle Reed and John Paul Reed. He considers the most important crisis in his life, first, when he gave his heart to God, and second when he gave up all ambitions for other things and devoted himself to the ministry.



MR. JOHN J. HEWITT.

Then thy Master wrought
Better than Buddh, shewing the world beyond
Where men shall find their treasurers of good works
Laid up on trust, awaiting; loss made gain.—*Arnold.*

The parents of the subject of this sketch, Samuel M. Hewitt and Caroline Hewitt, came to Missouri from Kentucky in 1835. Samuel M. Hewitt was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Caroline Hewitt, his wife, a member of the Methodist Church, South. Mr. John J. Hewitt was born in 1848, in Shelby County, Missouri, and was baptized in infancy. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1877; Rev. Lilburn Rush was his pastor. He has been a regular attendant of the Sunday School and church from childhood and continues to be at the present time. He came to Shelbyville in 1880. He married Miss Lillian Turner, daughter of Mr. Holman Turner, in 1881. Mrs. Hewitt joined the church at the age of eleven in 1870. They have four children, Esta, John V., Floyd and Cresap. Esta married Mr. R. L. Dimmitt and she and John V. both reside now in Birmingham, Ala. John V. Hewitt is a teacher in the Birmingham High School. Mr. John J. Hewitt engaged in the mercantile business in Shelbyville in 1880. He was elected President of the Citizens' Bank in 1894, which position he now holds. He was elected Superintendent of the Sunday School in Shelbyville in 1881, and this position he now fills. The Sunday School and church have been a great means of grace to him; the Lord has graciously blessed him both temporally and spiritually, and as he grows in years he wants to partake more and more of spiritual food, the Word of God, that he may grow in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Master. Brother Hewitt has won an honorable place in the banking world, and his name stands for integrity. He has given his children a good education and they are an honor to their parents. As Sunday School Superintendent, he has given his influence in favor of world-wide missions. It is easy to count him a friend and brother.

REV. JOHN MOREHEAD O'BRYEN.

I contemplate Christ and His work, and worship God with a Deeper joy.—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. John Morehead O'Bryen was born July 6th, 1843, in Randolph County, North Carolina. He is a son of Myal O'Bryen and Jane O'Bryen. Both parents belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1857, at Prospect Church, in Randolph County, North Carolina, under the ministry of Rev. Thos. H. Guthrie and Rev. D. Johnson, and joined the church at the same time and place. He had been trained by religious parents and was converted the first time he went forward to the mourner's bench for prayers. It was ten years before he began to grow in grace and to be finally fixed in his purpose to serve God. Since 1866, he has steadily grown in the knowledge and love of God. He was made perfect in love, after seeking that blessing by faith in the Son of God. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Auburn Circuit, February 19th, 1870; Rev. Andrew Monroe, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Old Alexandria Circuit, August 17th, 1872; he was received into the Annual Conference at Mexico, Missouri, in 1872; Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Pierce, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, September 20th, 1874, at St. Joseph, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop H. N. McTyeire, September 17th, 1876, at Hannibal, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Auburn Circuit, 1872-1873; Wright City Circuit, 1874-1876; Jonesburg Circuit, 1877-1878; Clarksville Circuit, 1879-1882; Shelbyville Circuit, 1883-1886; Shelbina Station, 1887; Plattsburg District, 1888-1892; St. Joseph District, Chillicothe Station, and Shelbyville. He has received more than one thousand persons into the church under his ministry. Under his pastorate Ellsberry Church and O'Bryen Chapel were built, and the Clarksville Church and Bacon Chapel were remodeled, and the parsonage at Shelbyville built. He received his education in the public schools and at Trinity College, North Carolina. Brother O'Bryen has been twice married, the first time to Miss Serena Hall, November 29th, 1870, and on October 9th, 1877, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Ballard. The names of his children are as follows: Enoch M. O'Bryen, Joseph L. O'Bryen, William W. O'Bryen, Lelia Carey O'Bryen, Paul O'Bryen, Seney H. O'Bryen, Dora W. O'Bryen, Samuel D. O'Bryen, Lydia M. O'Bryen, Willard R. O'Bryen and Pinkley O'Bryen. Two books which have been specially helpful to him, aside from the Bible, are Bishop Foster's "Beyond the Grave," and Bickersteth's "Yesterday, Today and Forever."

MR. PRINCE DIMMITT.

Virtue, not rolling suns, the mind matures;
That life is long which answers life's great end.—*Young.*



Prince Dimmitt, son of Dr. P. F. and Caroline F. Dimmitt, was born July 30th, 1860, in Cooper County, Missouri. When but six months old he moved with his parents to Shelby County, Missouri, where he has since resided. He was educated in the old Shelbyville High School in Shelbyville, Missouri; he entered this school in 1868, when Rev. John W. Adkisson was principal. In 1878, when but eighteen years old, his brother Frank and he took charge of his father's farm. In 1881 he was married to Miss Cora E. Schofield, of Palmyra, Missouri; seven children were born of this marriage. Nora Lee (now Mrs. Quisenberry, of Gallatin, Missouri), Edith Bell, Cora Leta, Eula Schofield, William Philip Ellis, Prince Harold and Fannie Agee Dimmitt. Being a strong advocate of Christian education, he has educated his girls in Howard-Payne College and also patronized Central College, Fayette, Missouri. He continued to live on the farm until 1897, when he moved to Shelbyville, Missouri, and in February, the following year, was elected president of the Shelbyville Bank, a position which he now holds. He was converted in the old Methodist church at Shelbyville in February, 1887, under the ministry of Rev. J. M. O'Bryen and was received by him a few weeks later into the church at Duncan Chapel, where his membership still remains. His conversion was clear and distinct, attested by the work of the Spirit, and he has rejoiced along the way. His father and mother were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and taught him from his childhood to reverence the Sabbath day and to attend Sunday School and church services. In regard to the books that have helped him most, aside from the Bible, he has read the sermons of Bishop Marvin, George and Lovick Pierce, Bishop Soule, Thomas O. Summers, Doggett, McTyeire and others, which have been very helpful to him, but he has derived more special benefit in trying to perform his Christian duties. He has been a teacher in the Sunday School for more than fifteen years, and during this time he has had charge of but two classes, and whatever good that is in his life, he is certain that the association from Sabbath to Sabbath with these two classes of young Christian women has been instrumental in bringing it about. Then he has derived special blessings in ministering to the sick and suffering. It has always been the joy and delight of his life to help the best he could those who were suffering. He would say, "Let duty be our law in life, our watchword at the gate of death," and we are certain of the promised reward. He feels that when this frail bark is finally loosened from its moorings, that his faith will tower above the wreck, and he shall be safely anchored on the other side.

Mr. Dimmitt is the writer's school mate and friend, and it is a pleasure to record this account of true worth. He is a banker of first-class standing, and he has a fine family.



REV. ROBERT WHITE.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on.
—*John Henry Newman.*

By Rev. A. B. Culbertson, A. M.

Rev. Robert White has had such an eventful and useful career that a brief sketch will only hint at what has been done.

He was born in Australia, March 8th, 1842. When fifteen years old he went to England, and there the Spirit of God convicted him of sin. On the 9th day of February, 1857, this same Spirit converted his soul, and he at once joined the Methodist church. At the age of nineteen he was preaching. He came to the United States in the year 1872, and was received by the Annual Conference at Mexico, Missouri, in Elders' Orders from the Wesleyan Methodist Conference of England. From that day to the present he has been doing faithful work as an itinerant in the country, church, and Conference of his adoption.

He has served the following charges in the Missouri Annual Conference: Salisbury, Ashland, Rocheport, Sturgeon, Maryville, Tenth Street, St. Joseph, Plattsburg, Shelbina, Chillicothe, Moberly, Louisiana, Paris, St. Charles District, four years on the Rocheport Circuit; Hunnewell. Three of these appointments he served four years; three, three years; five of them two years, and three of them one year.

He is truly a "fisher of men." When he has once served a people they never forget him. Their hearts are knit to him. His most distinguished gift is evangelistic. His power to so present gospel truth that it can be easily comprehended and relished is worthy of special note. His greatest meetings have been held on his own works where at times more than one hundred souls have professed faith in Christ in a single meeting. When his bow ceases to abide in its strength the church will lose a faithful servant and successful laborer.



REV JOHN R. TAYLOR.

The noble love of Jesus impels a man to do great things, and Stirs him up to be always longing for what is more perfect. —*Thomas A Kempis.*

John R. Taylor was born January 24, 1838, in Hampshire County, Virginia, and was born again in 1851 in Missouri, and united with the Southern Methodists the same year. He was licensed to preach in August, 1858, and in the following September was admitted on trial in the Missouri Conference. After a quarter of a century of continued service in the itinerancy he was transferred to the Florida Conference, in 1883, where he has served circuits and missions for over twenty years. He loves the polity and doctrines of the Southern Methodist Church and delights to preach and defend them. He is endeavoring to be diligent in duty, and wants to declare the whole council of God, and considers it a great privilege to preach a whole gospel and proclaim free and full salvation through a perfect Saviour. His motto is: "Holiness unto the Lord, and loyalty to God and His Church." Most of those who entered the campaign when he did have crossed over the river and are resting with God. Brother Taylor hopes to finish his course with joy, and be ready to join his old comrades on the other bright shore.

Brother Taylor has been in the itinerant ranks for forty-eight years, and he is not tired of the service. He is a class-mate of the late and lamented Rev. W. W. McMurry. He belongs to that immortal group of Shelby County preachers, and he has never discredited his lineage. He desires to be remembered kindly to all the brethren of Missouri.

REV. ROBERT W. HOWERTON.

Et ministros suos ignis flammam.
And his ministers a flame of fire.—*St. Paul.*



Rev. Robert W. Howerton, son of Joseph H. Howerton and Martha A. Howerton, was born in 1848, in Chariton County, Missouri, near Brunswick. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at the old Prairie Chapel church in Chariton County, under the ministry of Rev. Wm. Penn. His conversion was clear and full; he was alone in the woods at prayer when the evidence of the Spirit came; everything was calm and it was like the passing away of a dark shadow and the breaking in upon his soul of the light, beauty and warmth of the sun. He was impressed early in his ministry with the necessity of a deeper religion, and sought it and found it, and he has grown in grace from the second year of his work as a minister; as he grows older his faith has grown stronger, and he no longer walks by sight, but by faith. He was licensed to preach in the spring of 1873, by the Quarterly Conference of Keytesville, Missouri, Rev. B. F. Johnson, preacher in charge, and Rev. S. W. Cope, Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference for admisison on trial by the same Quarterly Conference in the fall of 1873; Rev. S. W. Cope, Presiding Elder, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1873; Rev. S. W. Cope, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Keener, presiding at the Conference, which was held at St. Joseph, Missouri; ordained Deacon by Bishop Marvin in 1877, at Fulton, Missouri, ordained Elder by Bishop Wightman in 1879, at Louisiana, Missouri. Appointments filled are: Meadville Circuit, two years; Milan Circuit, two years; Lineville Circuit, one year; Platte City, three years; Gosneyville, one year; New Market, one year; Osborn, two years; Dearborn, four years; St. Joseph, two years; Cowgill, two years; Lawson and Excelsior Springs, two years; Prairie Hill, two years; Readsville, one year; Cedar City, two years; Vandalia, one year; was supernumerary one year; Troy Circuit, two years; Florida Circuit, two years; Stewartsville, one year. During the thirty-five years of his ministry he has received about two thousand persons into the church. He built the church at Milan, Missouri, one at Agency, Missouri, one at Ebenezer, one at Wallace and Dearborn, one at Prairie Hill, and one at Wainright, Missouri, and built a parsonage at Gosneyville and one at Cowgill. He obtained his education at the District schools. He was married to Miss Adelia Smith, December 10th, 1873, and their children are: Clarence Joseph, Claudius, Wilhelmina, Mary Alpha, Willie H., Hugh L., Ruth A., Robert F., and Paul Malcolm. He considers his entrance upon the great work of the ministry as possibly the most important crisis in his life. Some of the books that have proven very helpful to him, aside from the Bible, are "Pilgrim's Progress," "Life of John Wesley," and "Whitehead's Life of Wesley."



REV. JOHN IRA SEARS, A. M.

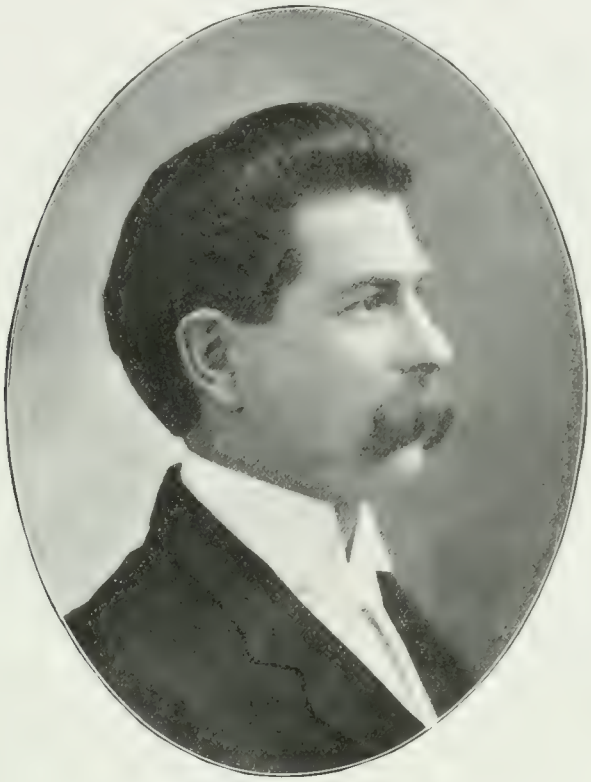
A man that is young in years may be old in hours, if he have Lost no time.—*Bacon.*

Rev. John Ira Sears, son of Arthur E. Sears and Anna E. Sears, was born near Milan, Missouri, February 14th, 1877; both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in March, 1894, under the ministry of Rev. J. R. Kincaid and joined the church during that same meeting. For a long time he had felt the burden of his sins, and one night went forward, and throwing himself down at the altar, his soul in agony, in a short time, he felt the peace of God in his heart and rejoiced in his saving grace. He has been growing in grace since that good day, and has striven to go always forward, and today is stronger and happier than ever before. He was licensed to preach in April, 1899, at Clifton Hill, Missouri, by the Fayette District Conference; Rev. G. M. Gibson was preacher in charge and Dr. John Anderson Presiding Elder.

REV. ORLANDO B. HOLLIDAY.

The men who have most absolutely loved Christ have been also The men who have most truly loved all men and the whole of Man.—*Dr. Fairbairn.*

Dr. Orlando B. Holliday, son of the Rev. R. N. T. Holliday and Sophia F. Holliday, was born May 9th, 1860, at Stewartsville, Missouri. He was converted October 18th, 1885, at Carrollton, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. D. M. Proctor, and joined the church at the same time and place. His conversion was of the old type, clear, conscious and joyous. He loves the service of the Lord more today than ever before. He was licensed to preach December 12th, 1885, by the Quarterly Conference of Carrollton; Rev. D. M. Proctor, pastor, and Rev. John Anderson, D. D., Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the same Quarterly Conference at Carrollton, Missouri, in July, 1886; and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1886; Rev. John Anderson, D. D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at Gallatin, Missouri, in September, 1888; ordained Elder by Bishop J. S. Key, in September, 1890, at Fayette, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Troy and Wentzville; Bowling Green; Edina; Kirksville; Shelbyville; Monroe City; Palmyra; Macon District; Hannibal District; he is now at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Kirksville church was rebuilt and a large parsonage debt paid, the church at Shelbyville built and a large debt on the Monroe City parsonage paid under his pastorate, and they are now finishing a new parsonage at Albuquerque. His education was received at St. Charles College. He was married to Miss Lizzie Lee, March 9th, 1887, and they have four children, Minniclee, Robert C., Frances and Florence Virginia Holliday. After his conversion, his yielding to the call to preach the Gospel has been the most important crisis in his life. Brother Holliday is a man of fine executive ability, and his record of success on the Hannibal District, as in other places, is all in his favor.



REV. GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS LEHNOFF.

Perfection is being, not doing; it is not to effect an act,
But to achieve a Character.—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*

Rev. Gustavus Adolphus Lehnhoff was born January 29th, 1868, at St. Charles, Missouri. He is the son of William H. Lehnhoff and Charlotte Lehnhoff, Methodists. He began his education in the public schools of St. Charles and later of Chariton County. When a young man he entered Central College at Fayette, in September, 1892, and continued without interruption until June, 1896. He was converted at Little Hill Church in Chariton County in a meeting conducted by Rev. H. P. Bond in December, 1886, and united with the German Methodist Church. In February, 1892, he transferred his membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. M. L. Gray. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Salisbury Circuit, March 28th, 1892, Dr. E. K. Miller, Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial into the Missouri Annual Conference, which met in Hannibal, Missouri, in September, 1896, and was ordained Deacon September 6th, 1896, by Bishop Charles B. Galloway; was ordained Elder, September 8th, 1901, by Bishop Warren A. Candler at the Missouri Annual Conference which was at that time in session in St. Joseph, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Ashland Circuit, 1896; Prairie Hill Circuit, 1897-1900; Jameson Circuit, 1900-1904; Monroe City Station, 1904-1906. Brother Lehnhoff is a man of strong character, true and reliable, with good business qualities, a faithful pastor, a fluent speaker, and a good preacher.

He married Miss Jennie E. Shepherd, October 7th, 1896. Two children have been born unto them, one dying in infancy, and the other living, Edward Palmore Lehnhoff.

BROOKVALE TENT.

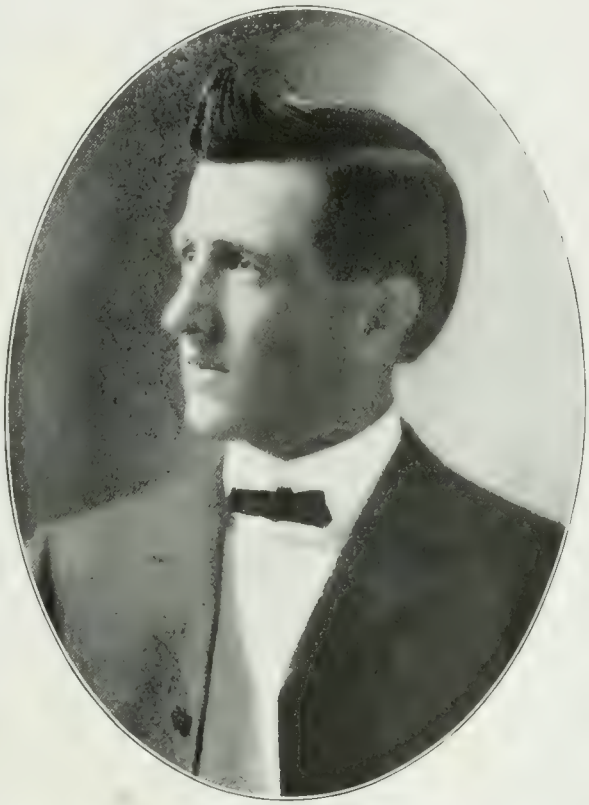


MRS. M. L. GRAY.
MRS. THOS. J. EDMONDS.
MISS VERLEY J. EDMONDS.
(Deceased)
MISS S. BURDETTE EDMONDS.
MR. THOS. J. EDMONDS.

Methodists Tenting at Brookvale near O'Bryen Chapel,
Shelby County, Mo.

REV. CHARLES JACOB CHAPPELL.

I press toward the Mark. —*St. Paul.*



Charles Jacob Chappell is the son of Oscar Chappell and Margaret Chappell, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was born in Lewis County, Missouri, November 15, 1872. At Humphreys, Missouri, July, 1888, under the ministry of Rev. B. D. Sipple, he was converted, and united with the church at Humphreys July 29th, 1888. Brother Chappell says: "I was under deep conviction for several days, went forward and knelt at the altar three nights in succession. The third night peace came to my soul. The Spirit came into my soul in a calm, gentle way. I could feel the evil spirit driven out before the mighty Spirit of Jesus Christ. I have grown in grace gradually but surely. The understanding of the things of God has come by prayer and meditation on his holy Word. A love to God and man has been made more perfect day by day by doing his holy will."

His license to preach is dated April 15th, 1897, at Triplett, Missouri, by the Chillicothe District Conference. Rev. S. H. Renfro was preacher in charge, and Rev. J. A. Snarr, Presiding Elder. He was recommended by the Chillicothe District Conference to the Annual Conference for admission on trial April 15th, 1897, discontinued September, 1899, because of poor health, served as local preacher until September, 1903. Rev. O. B. Holliday, Presiding Elder, then appointed him to supply Gorin Circuit, and he was again recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference by the District Conference of Hannibal District, April 6th, 1904.

Brother Chappell was received on trial by the Missouri Conference in 1897, Bishop Fitzgerald, presiding, but, health failing, he remained in the Conference only two years, and was again admitted on trial September, 1904, at Columbia, where he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix.

His appointments and terms of service have been as follows: Green Castle Circuit, one year; Harris Circuit, one year; Gorin Circuit, three years.

For four years a student in the Chillicothe District Academy, and a faithful and conscientious student and worker in the itinerant ranks, Brother Chappell has proven himself to be an effective and acceptable minister of the Gospel, having received sixty-one members into the church, and, we may safely say, is still adding to the number. The work prospers in his hands.

He was married to Miss Lucy O. Ingraham, November 5th, 1893. Their children are Paul J. and Ruth E. Chappell. One, Ella Marie, died August 21st, 1903.

The time he gave himself in complete surrender to God, to preach the Gospel of His Son, our brother considers to be the important crisis in his life. He felt the call early in life, but the world offered strong inducements to other employment, and the time of struggle came. Does it not come to every life in one form or another? Suffice it to say, he gained the victory and is happy in his work.

REV. WILLIAM DEE NEALE.

God magnifies Man by sharing with him His greatest Thoughts, And thus fits him for Thrones of intellectual and Spiritual Might. *Bishop Hendrix.*



Rev. William Dee Neale was born on a farm in Ralls County, Missouri, November 11, 1870. He is the youngest son of Benjamin D. Neale and Sallie M. Neale, who were among the earliest members of the Methodist Church, South, at Hydesburg, a country church near Hannibal. At the age of eleven years he was converted at the altar of the church of his parents after a sermon preached by Rev. J. P. Nolan, D. D., then Presiding Elder of the Hannibal District. Having been baptized in infancy by the Rev. W. W. McMurry, he received the church vows from his pastor, the Rev. H. W. James, the Sunday following his conversion. Although but a boy, he had a clear evidence of his acceptance with God. All was bright within and in God's world without. A few years afterward he took up the cross of public prayer and testimony for the Master and found his growth in grace very marked from that time. While attending school at Palmyra and boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Winn, he was called of God to preach the Gospel. The Quarterly Conference of the Palmyra Circuit, which convened at Hydesburg, November 29, 1890, licensed him to preach; the Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan was Presiding Elder, and the Rev. H. P. Bond was pastor. Two years were spent in teaching school, the last of which he was professor of mathematics in Centenary College of Palmyra. Having been recommended to the Missouri Conference for admission on trial by the Hannibal Conference, he was received by that body at Montgomery City in September, 1892, Bishop Charles B. Galloway, presiding. At the close of the following Conference year he asked to be discontinued for the purpose of attending school. After two years in college, he was readmitted to the Missouri Conference at Macon City in 1895, Bishop W. W. Duncan in the chair. On September 6, 1896, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway at the Hannibal session of the Annual Conference. At Fayette Bishop John C. Granbery ordained him Elder September 3, 1899.

He is a graduate of Centenary College at Palmyra, Missouri, and has attended Central College at Fayette, Missouri, and the Methodist University of Georgetown, Texas. October 30, 1895, he was married to Miss Virginia Edna Feeley, the oldest daughter of James L. Feeley and Mattie E. Feeley, old time Methodists of Shelby County, Missouri. Two children brighten their home, Kathleen and Richard, ages ten and seven. The books that have been the most inspiration to him, aside from the Bible, are "Pilgrim's Progress," "Life of Bishop Marvin," and " Life of William G. Caples."

He has served acceptably the following charges: Rutledge, Dalton, Jamesport, New Hampton, Maywood, Monticello, Hunnewell, and is at present the pastor of the Kahoka Station. Nine years of his ministry have been spent in the Hannibal District.

REV. THOMAS ASHLEY ALLISON.

To the humblest task the man of mighty motives advances
Keeping step to martial music.—*Bishop Candler.*



Rev. Thomas Ashley Allison was born March 29th, 1866, three miles Southwest of Richmond, Ray County, Missouri. He is a son of Christopher C. Allison and Mary F. Allison, both members, from their youth, of the Primitive Baptist Church. He was converted in 1880, in Dade County, Missouri, at a Baptist camp meeting conducted in a grove. He joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church soon after this conversion, then after about seven years, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Orrick, Missouri. He was converted, as it seemed to him, with wonderful power at the old fashioned mourner's bench; he had asked for the prayers of the church one year before this time. His mother, who was quite religious, always had a great influence over him for good. He is very confident that he has a more perfect understanding of the things of God and a stronger will to do good. His growth in grace, is not entirely satisfactory to him, yet he is striving in all things to be more perfect in Christ. He was licensed to preach March 19th, 1894, by the Quarterly Conference of Richmond Station; Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., preacher in charge, and Rev. R. H. Cooper, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Gallatin District Conference in the spring of 1895, and was received on trial into the Annual Conference in 1895; Rev. Z. M. Williams, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop W. W. Duncan, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald in 1897, at Albany, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery September 3rd, 1899, at Fayette, Missouri. Brother Allison has served the following charges: Bethany Circuit, 1894-1895; Eagleville Circuit, 1895-1898; Breckenridge and Mooresville charge, 1898-1901; Union Star, 1901-1902; Kearney and Lathrop, 1902-1903; Shelbina Circuit, 1903-1905; Edina, 1905-1906; his present charge is Gorin, Missouri, having received his appointment in 1906. About two hundred and forty-one members have been received into the church under his ministry. Under his pastorates the church at Matkins was built, the church at Edina, though not finished, yet practically so, and the parsonage was bought at Kearney. He received his education in the public schools and county normals of Ray County, Missouri. He was married to Miss Laura A. Kincaid January 20th, 1889, and their children are: Pearl J. Allison, Thomas A. Allison, Bascom D. Allison, Zach M. Allison, Helen M. Allison, Chris. K. Allison and John M. Allison. He believes the Christian College should be supported by the church and kept free of all state entanglements.

REV. THOMAS RUCKER KENDALL.

Mine is an unchanging love,
Higher than the heights above.—*William Cowper.*



Thomas Rucker Kendall was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, December 13th, 1835, and emigrated to Missouri in 1852. He was born again and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the spring of 1859. He was licensed to exhort and preach the same year, and he taught school and preached until the autumn of 1860, then he entered St. Charles College and continued there until the war, when he returned to Scotland County. He tried to teach and failed; the war excitement was too great. In the spring of 1862 he went to Colorado, locating in Lake County for the summer and spending the following winter in Gilpin County, preaching, mining and continuing his studies. In the summer of 1863 he preached as supply in Boulder and St. Urain valleys. In the autumn of 1863 he returned to Missouri and followed teaching with success until 1866. On May 11th, 1864, he was married to Miss H. S. Walker of Memphis, Missouri. In February, 1866, he was engaged as supply for Smithville, Illinois, by Rev. Rumsey Smithson, Superintendent of Christian Union of Illinois. He filled the following charges: Smithville, two and one-half years; Ottawa, two years; Hebron, two years; Midway, one year. He had many conversions and additions and built a parsonage on the Ottawa Circuit. The Christian Union, composed of members driven from various churches by political preaching, was merged in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now the Illinois Conference. In the autumn of 1873 he transferred to the Missouri Conference and served consecutively, until 1894, the following charges: Newark, one year; had many conversions and additions and churches wonderfully blessed; Canton, one year; unable to do much on account of poor health following typho-malarial fever; the kindness of his people is yet sacred in his memory; Palmyra Circuit, two years; work opened with bright prospects; a good but sad year; in April his wife bade them farewell and went home to God, and left the father, Ida and Marvin very lonely and sad; under these shadows he had the visitation of God's light and power with conversions and additions; 1877, appointed to Colony, two years; October 11th, 1877, was married to Miss Willie C. Brown, of Philadelphia, Marion County, a native Virginian; had many conversions and additions and other prosperities; 1879, LaBelle, three years; built parsonage at LaBelle and secured lot for church; built a church in Shelby County; three busy years; Philadelphia, two profitable years to all; Ashley, three prosperous years; 1886, New Florence, two years; Jonesburg, two years; Winfield, three years; built new church at Asbury and secured parsonage at Winfield; 1894, health failed; he went to Colorado in May and spent two months in Colorado Springs, then located at Lake George in the mountains. In the late autumn he was joined by his wife and Mamie Kendall, Lucy B. Kendall, Willie Lee Kendall and Ruby P. Kendall, his four estimable daughters. After his health returned he preached regularly on Sabbaths in mountain towns and settlements. He resided and preached in Florissant for two years. His hope is in God. Though the outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. Amen."

REV. SAMUEL RODGERS DILLMAN.

One in whom persuasion and belief had ripened into Faith, and Faith became a passionate intuition.—*Wordsworth.*



Rev. Samuel Rodgers Dillman was born May 9th, 1874, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He is the son of A. F. Dillman and Annie M. Dillman, who were members of the United Brethren Church, but later his mother became a member of the Methodist Church. He was converted November 14th, 1885, at Oregon, Pennsylvania, under the ministry of Rev. G. A. Loose, of Reading, Pennsylvania, and joined the United Brethren Church at Oregon, Pennsylvania. He was converted in the old-fashioned way, being at the mourner's bench for several nights before he found complete peace when God was permitted to come in His way. His growth in grace has been steady and constant and he now has a much richer and fuller understanding and experience of the things of God. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the United Brethren Church at Trenton, Missouri, April 9th, 1894; Rev. U. P. Wardrip, Presiding Elder. He was received into the Missouri Conference at Fulton, Missouri, September 16th, 1900, as a traveling preacher, having been ordained to the office of an elder according to the usages of the United Brethren Church. Brother Dillman has served the following appointments: At Brookfield and Trenton filled unexpired terms; as a supply at Brashear, three years; Raymore, two years; since uniting with the Missouri Conference, at Hunnewell, three years; Monticello, four years. During the time he has been in the Missouri Conference, he has received about two hundred and forty persons into the Church. The Church at Monticello, Missouri, was built during his pastorate there. He received his education at the Alexis Illinois High School, and was graduated from the Avalon College, Trenton, Missouri; also from the Kirksville, Missouri, State Normal, Kirksville, Missouri. He was married to Miss Daisy Dean Drinkard in December, 1897. Brother Dillman had the good fortune to marry into one of the best Methodist families in Macon county, and he is worthy of the family. He has found a congenial church home in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he is diligent in his endeavors for the Church. He preaches well, and rings true on the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. He loves his people and he is loved by them.



O'BRYEN CHAPEL.

This Church was built while Rev. J. M. O'Bryen was preacher in charge of the Shelbyville Circuit. The church was named in honor of the pastor. Mr. Theodore Feely and family and others are good supporters of this church.



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First Church.....R. L. Russell
Mount Auburn.....Thomas F. Rucker
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REV. THOMAS E. SHARP, D.D.

The Sovereignty of Man lieth hid in Knowledge.—*Bacon.*



At fourteen years of age Rev. Thomas E. Sharp was led to Christ under the ministry of the Rev. H. W. Eagan, and lived a devoted Christian life for a number of years. He gradually fell away from devotion, but never from faith in the verities of the Christian religion, still he had ceased to regard himself as a Christian. Out in God's great cathedral, the woods, near Kirksville, Missouri, in company with Rev. George W. Sharp, a beloved cousin, to whom, with his good wife, he owes an everlasting debt of gratitude, while together they prayed "he for me and I for myself," God graciously forgave his sins and he was received as his child again, June 10th, 1888. He must here also record the debt he owes to the devotion of his wife and daughter, the latter since gone to Heaven, and the memory of his parents, whose lofty Christian character never ceased to be a factor in his religious life. July 11th, 1888, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Canton, Missouri, of which the Rev. Jacob Snarr was pastor. July 16th, 1888, he was licensed to preach by the Canton church; the Rev. W. W. McMurry, Presiding Elder. The call to preach had been resisted for eight years, and this resistance he believes was one cause of his backsliding. July 23rd he preached his first sermon in the Methodist Church at La Grange, Missouri. In September, 1888, he was appointed by Bishop Hendrix, supply at Warrenton and Wright City Circuit, having previously preached six sermons, four of which, he says, "were so poor" that he could never bring himself to preach them over again, and thus he began his pastorate with a stock of two sermons. This first year of his ministry was at once the hardest and happiest of his life. He was admitted on trial in the Missouri Conference in September, 1889, and was appointed pastor of the Vandalia Circuit, by Bishop Key; he served this charge for two years. On Sunday, September 6th, 1889, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hargrove, at the Conference held at Maryville, Missouri, and the next day appointed pastor of the Maryville Church, serving one year in this Station. He was appointed pastor of the Columbia Station, September, 1892, and served this Church three years; he was ordained Elder at the Conference at Monroe City, Missouri, by Bishop Haygood. In September, 1895, he was appointed pastor of Fayette Station, serving this church for three years. He was transferred to the St. Louis Conference by Bishop Candler, and appointed pastor of the Wagoner Place church, and served this church four years. In May, 1902, Hargrove College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.



REV. HENRY STILES BRADLEY, D.D.

We feel our lives resonant to the thoughts of elect thinkers.—
Dr. William A. Quayle.

Rev. Henry Stiles Bradley, D.D., was born in Jackson County, Georgia, March 22nd, 1869. He is the son of Henry Stiles Bradley and Susan Jackson Bradley. Georgia has given a great amny preachers to the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, such as Bishop Pierce, Dr. Young J. Allen, Dr. James W. Lee, and many others, and Dr. Bradley ranks with the best of them. In early life he decided on a college course, and to this end he bent all his energies. He went with the spirit of a student to Emory College, Oxford, Georgia, and he found a congenial atmosphere in association with fellow students and with the members of the faculty. Blessed as he was with an active mind, he found himself happy in this higher intellectual world. He sought the fountain of truth eagerly, and went into the reason of things. His plow must go deep or not at all. Later he gathered the harvest all the richer. In 1890 he won his A.B. degree from Emory College. After this the University of Georgia recognized his merits and ability, and conferred on him the degree of D.D. But it was not for him to stop with graduation and honors, so he pursued post graduate work at Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, taking Biology; Cold Spring Harbor, New York, 1896; Marine Biological Laboratories, Woods Hall, Massachusetts, 1897. These after-graduate studies show the trend of his thought, and they have enabled him to examine the foundations of life. Miss May Stafford became an important factor in his life when the Orange Blossoms were showered upon them at Barnesville, Georgia, November 1st, 1893. Since those happy days life has been a morning song. Dr. Bradley applied for admission into the North Georgia Conference in 1891; was received into full connection, 1893; was Adjunct Professor of Natural Sciences at Emory College, 1890-1895; Professor of Biology and Geology, 1898-1901; Vice President of Emory College, 1899-1901; and resigned all college positions in 1901. He then became pastor of Trinity Church, Atlanta, where he remained four years. He came from Atlanta to St. Louis to take charge of St. John's Church, where he enjoys the love and esteem of his people and his brethren.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
REV. HENRY STILES BRADLEY, D.D., Pastor.
This church was erected while Rev. James W. Lee, D.D., was pastor, and it is one of the most costly and elegant churches in the St. Louis District. This is truly a family church.

JOHN WESLEY.

THE POWER OF A GREAT PERSONALITY.

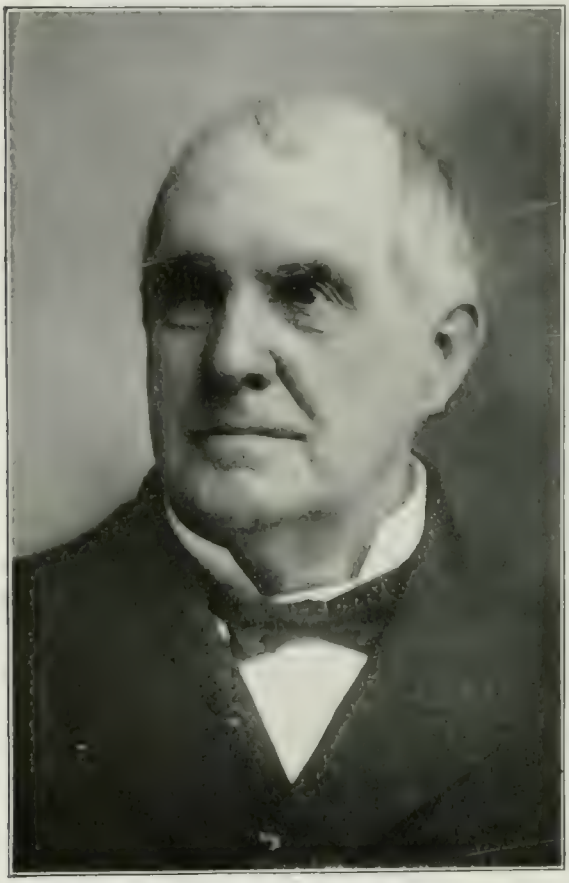
By Bishop E. K. Hendrix.

Wesley, who was to help every great Church in Christendom, was a learner of all. Like Paul, the slave of the rubric in his early life, he sat at the feet of Peter Bohler, the Moravian, as Saul of Tarsus sat at the feet of Ananias of Damascus in his eagerness to know the whole truth as it is in Jesus. He would know all that could be taught by the Scotch Presbyterians or the Lutheran Salzburgers, by Thomas A. Kempis or Thomas Law. No scientist ever studied physical phenomena as John Wesley studied spiritual phenomena gathered through his large correspondence and wide observation. His intellectual hospitality was unbounded in the desire to know all that God was still doing in his world, and he sought to weigh and classify facts so soon as a careful analysis showed that they were facts. His monthly meeting to hear the triumphs of grace in whatever part of Christendom gave the stamp of catholicity to Methodism which has made it at once the most tolerant of all faiths toward all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and, through its theology, that can be preached, has made it the great enricher and modifier of the creeds of Christendom. A gospel that can be offered to all the world is the true parent of a creed that can be shared with all mankind. Despite a tendency among his followers to confound a religious vocabulary with a religious experience, John Wesley ever declared the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of peace. All that there was in the gospel he was eager to know and to teach; and while his own profession was ever modest, he set no limit to the power of the gospel, the life of God in the soul of man. To Wesley man was a "yonder-sided being," his life hid with Christ in God. He believed that the graft would ultimately determine the fruit. It was this broad catholicity, this faith alike in man under God and in God over man, that made him the leader of the great religious movement of the Eighteenth century, a revival that promises to continue to the end of the world. The truest picture of John Wesley is that which represents him standing on his father's tombstone, in reverent touch with the past, but with a message for the present and the future, as he declares: "I look upon the whole world as my parish." No wonder from such a new and powerful preaching of the old gospel there should come the mightest agents for its spread, whether in Missionary or Bible Societies, the living evangels and the groaning presses, whose voice has gone out into all the world until the reapers shall overtake the sower, and reaper and sower shall rejoice together. In subordinating the creed to the life Wesley helped to deliver men from the religion of a mere creed to the glorious liberty of the sons of God who know the gospel of a person, even the Christ of God.

The true measure of a great life is its lifting power. An average man lives, but a great man lifts. Whenever there has been any learned class, it has usually been the clergy, especially in view of the fact that they are forbidden to learn and practice the art of war, the usual outlet for surplus human energy. But human learning must have an outlet to keep it from stagnation, and the enthusiasm of humanity born of religion gives that outlet such as Wesley found. But there can be no true enthusiasm of humanity without faith in humanity; and there can be no faith in humanity without faith in the Son of God as realized humanity.

REV. JOHN MATHEWS, D.D.

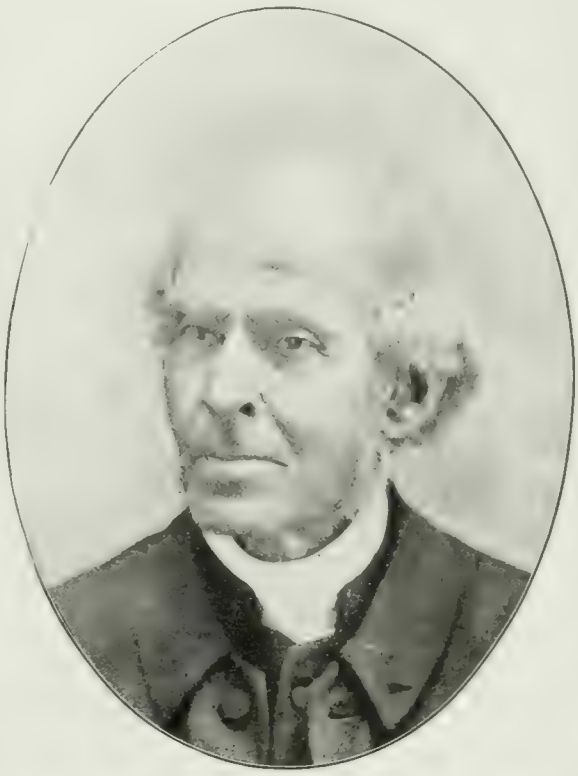
The men who have the ear of the world are the prophets fresh
From an audience with God.—*Bishop Hendrix.*



Rev. John Mathews, D.D., was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 13th, 1826. Was reared in Tennessee. Licensed to preach in 1845. Entered the traveling connection, 1846. Received four appointments in the Tennessee; then transferred to the Pacific Conference in 1852. At the end of the ecclesiastical year returned to Tennessee; was stationed at four churches. While at Florence, Alabama, he was married to Miss Mary A. Menefee, April 30th, 1857. At Florence he had a sweeping revival, with 150 conversions. He then transferred to the Alabama Conference, and was stationed at Tuscaloosa, where his labors were greatly blessed. From there he was sent to Tuskegee; thence to Auburn; then, for one year, was Presiding Elder. During the next three years he lived on his plantation, and was appointed to charges near his home during the Civil War. At the close of the war he sold out his plantation, in order to continue in the itinerancy. He spent one year in Wetumpka, and was then sent to the city of Montgomery, where he spent four years. During the last year of this pastorate, a most wonderful revival took place, reaching all classes. In the winter of 1870 he transferred to the Louisiana Conference, and was stationed at Felicity Street Church; God honored his ministry here; there were conversions and accessions constantly. At the close of this quadrennium, he was stationed at the historical Carondelet Street Church; there the work of God was carried forward with great power; hundreds were converted. During the last year of this pastorate, a great epidemic of yellow fever swept over the city; he and his entire family were stricken with the fever, and his youngest son died. At the end of this quadrennium he was sent to what is now called Rayne Memorial Church, where he labored for three years, working incessantly. At the earnest solicitation of Bishop Pierce, he then consented to transfer to the Southwest Missouri Conference, and was stationed at the old Walnut Street Church, in Kansas City, where God wrought marvelous things. After one year at Washington street, he was transferred to the St. Louis Conference, and was stationed at Centenary Church; during this quadrennium, God greatly blessed his labors; hundreds were added unto the Lord. At the close of this pastorate the city officials of St. Louis, Roman Catholics though they were, united in a public testimonial, expressing their high appreciation of the influence of his minstry upon the morals of the city. From here he was sent to St. John's, the celebrated family church of Methodism; during this pastorate the Lord blessed him with a gracious revival, in which many were converted. At the end of three years he was returned to Centenary Church, where he remained in charge for five years—one year beyond the legal limit. The Lord wrought a great work here, the fifth year being the most prosperous of all in its visible results. At the close of this pastorate he was transferred to the Tennessee Conference, and stationed at the famous McKendree Church, where he spent four years of diligent service and great profit. During the close of this pastorate he was attacked by the grippe, from which he never recovered; it finally left him a total physical wreck.

REV. WESLEY BROWNING.

The best of all is: God is with us.—*John Wesley.*



Rev. Wesley Browning was born August 15th, 1795, at Hagerstown, Maryland. He was a son of Archibald Browning, a local Methodist preacher, and Margaret Browning. He was converted at Chillicothe, Ohio, at the age of twenty-six, and joined the church at once. He and a companion had been very wicked. While the latter was away on a visit to Kentucky, he was converted, and wrote to Brother Browning a proposition to pray every day for him for six weeks, and Browning must also pray and then report by letter at the end of the six weeks. Brother Browning did nothing till three weeks had gone, but then began in earnest to seek salvation and asked various people, on the street, or anywhere, how to get religion. At last the quarterly meeting was held, and while at public prayer Browning clapped his hands and exclaimed "Glory to God, now I've got it," meaning the witness of the spirit. He went right into religious work and study and went on to the best appointments in the Pittsburg Conference, to which he was transferred, and soon was a shining witness for full salvation as taught by John Wesley and his brother Charles, and continued in the experience until he passed to his reward. He began to preach in Chillicothe, Ohio, and was recommended by one of the Quarterly Conferences of that District. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Roberts. At various times he served the leading charges in Pittsburg and the Ohio Conferences; was Presiding Elder when Mathew Simpson, afterward Bishop, was a young man, and the main instrument to encourage him to ask the District Conference for license to preach and helped him at college. He had no school advantages during early life, but after entering Conference he studied hard and became an accomplished Hebrew scholar. He was twice married, first to Miss Phoebe Battelle, in 1836, and to Miss Phebe Dunn, in 1846. He has two sons living, Fletcher W. Browning, of St. Louis, Missouri, and John Gay Browning, of Springdale, Arkansas.

Of Rev. Wesley Browning, Dr. D. R. McAnally writes: "In his ninety-three years of natural life he saw the federal population increase from 3,929,214, in 1790, to fully 65,000,000 in 1888. He saw Methodism, in these United States, numerically increase from 50,604 all told, ministers and members, in the year he was born, to 5,000,000, in the year that he died. He saw American Methodism extend itself into different parts of Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, and the isles of the seas." Rev. Wesley Browning was the first man to plant Methodism among the Germans. In the '40s he had Bishop Morris send Rev. Ludwick Jacoby to St. Louis to evangelize the German people.

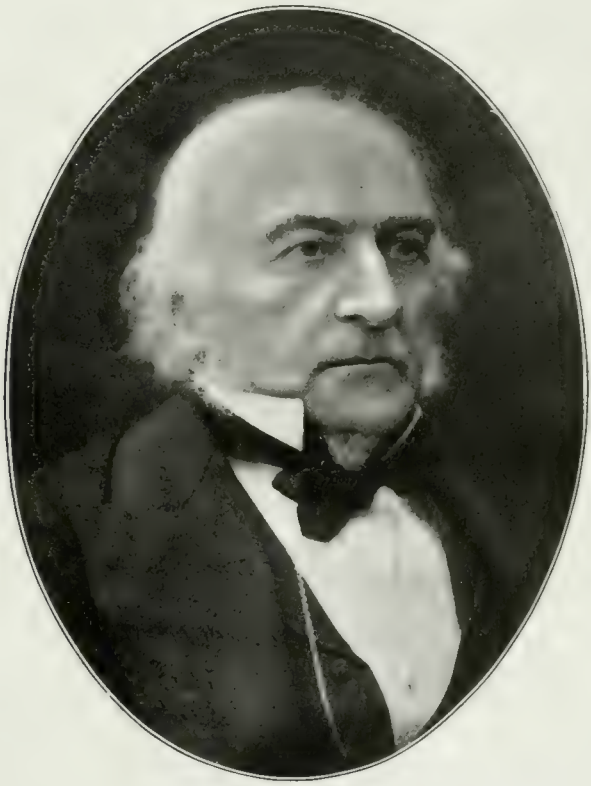
MR. SAMUEL CUPPLES.

The Bible invites, attracts, and commands the adhesion of Mankind.—*Gladstone.*

By Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

Mr. Samuel Cupples was born September 13th, 1831, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is the son of James and Elizabeth Cupples, natives of County Down, of Ireland, who came to the United States in 1814. His father established a school in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in which the son laid the foundation for his successful business career. When some fifteen years of age, the son being left by his father's death the sole dependence of his mother and sister, removed to Cincinnati, Ohio. There he entered the employ of Mr. Albert O. Tyler, the pioneer woodenware merchant of the West. So did he impress his employer by his ability and integrity that, although not yet of age, he established the house of Samuel Cupples & Co., of St. Louis, 1851, his former employer being the silent and responsible partner. This was the foundation of the Cupples Woodenware Company, the largest establishment of its kind in the world, having acres of manufacturing plants of all sorts and also branch houses in different cities reaching from ocean to ocean. In his broad and statesmanlike views of business, his selection of his associates, his consideration for his employees, and his Christian liberality, Mr. Cupples is a notable man in the business world. "Cupples Station," which he founded in the heart of St. Louis for handling the great wholesale business by train loads attracts visitors from all parts of the world.

Mr. Cupples became a Christian when living in Newport, Kentucky, in 1848, and for nearly sixty years has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In 1860 he was married to Miss Martha Kells, a noble Christian woman, who was in full sympathy with him in all his Christian life and work. It was in her memory that Mr. Cupples built the beautiful building for the Methodist Orphans Home in St. Louis. As an active member of the Church, Mr. Cupples has shared in the work of all her organizations. He has been an unfaltering friend in all the forward movements of the Church in St. Louis, a curator and benefactor of Central College, Fayette, and is now the President of the Board of Trustees of the Robert A. Barnes Hospital of St. Louis. No Church has been more blessed than ours with such laymen as Brothers Cupples and Scruggs.

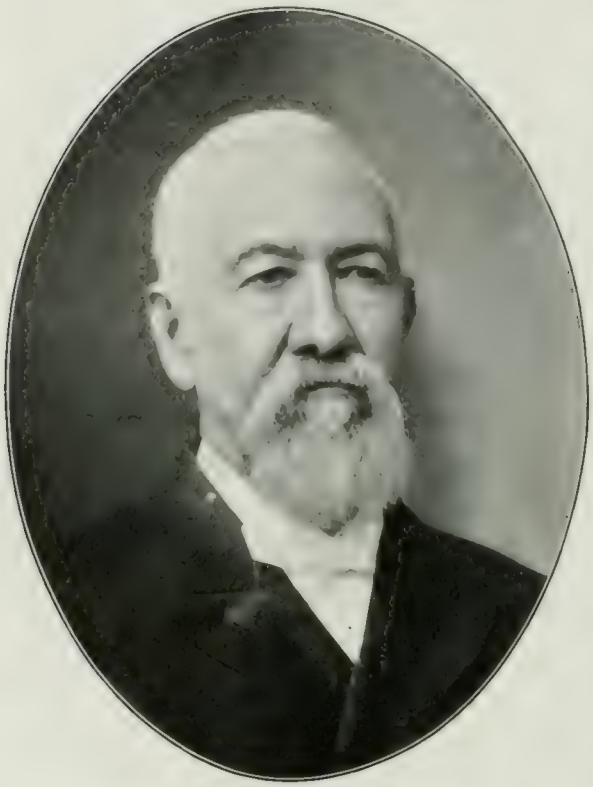


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REV. JOHN EMORY GODBEY, D.D.

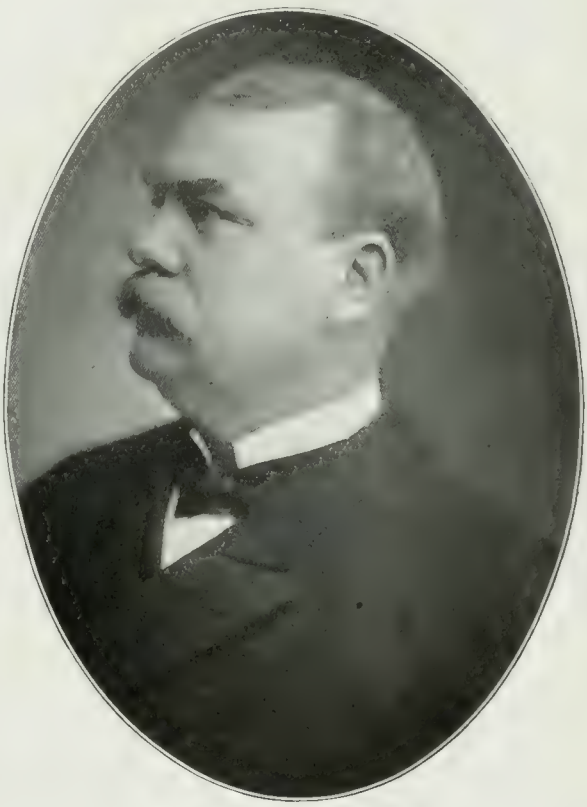
The renown of goodness, the fame of character, the reputation Associated with deeds of sacrifice or valor—that is a renown Which lives in Heaven.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. John Emory Godbey, the son of Rev. Josiah Godbey and Lena Kelly Godbey, was born August 11th, 1839, in Casey County, Kentucky. The Godbeys were Methodists. Dr. Godbey thinks there are twenty-seven Methodist preachers who have come from the families of his grandparents. Dr. J. E. Godbey was educated chiefly in private subscription schools, but for the most part his teachers were well educated and competent men. He was in the Sophomore class at St. Charles College, when the breaking out of the Civil War closed the school. Being forced to abandon his plans, he yielded to the advice of friends and entered the itineracy in the St. Louis Conference. He had been licensed to preach by Dr. John R. Bennett, at Otterville, Missouri, in the fall of 1859, on recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of that charge. His first appointment was to Independence Circuit. Brother Godbey served Asbury charge a year, and was then assigned to Merrimac Circuit, which charge he held for two years and a half. He was married to Miss Mary S. Holloway, November 2nd, 1865, and their children are Alice Maud Godbey and Nannie Holloway Godbey, Lizzie Godbey and William Godbey having died in childhood. After two years' service on Union Circuit, Dr. Godbey's appointments were: Washington Station, four years, and Labadie Circuit, where Brother Godbey secured the building of two good houses of worship—Salem and North's Chapel. His next appointment was Labadie and Washington, one year; then Washington and St. Clair, one year; Salem District, three years; First Church, St. Louis, two years; Page Avenue Church, St. Louis, now Cook Avenue, four years. Dr. Godbey raised the entire subscription, $75,000, for the Cook Avenue Church. In 1882, a new church paper was started in St. Louis called the Southwestern Methodist, and Dr. Godbey was chosen its editor, and continued to serve in this capacity eight years. During four years of this time, however, he continued to serve as a pastor. After closing his term at Page Avenue in 1883, he served Chouteau Avenue one year, and Kirkwood two years. In 1890 the Southwestern Methodist was consolidated with the St. Louis Christian Advocate, and Dr. Godbey was transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference and appointed Presiding Elder of Kansas City District, which he held for four years. In the fall of 1894, being elected editor of the Arkansas Methodist, he transferred to the Little Rock Conference, and edited the Methodist at Little Rock for eleven years. Two years ago he returned to the pastorate. Dr. Godbey wrote and published "The Methodist Church Members' Manual," a book which has passed many editions. Soon after appeared from his pen, "Light in Darkness, or Missions and Missionary Heroes." This book had a sale, by subscription, of 50,000 in four years. Since going to Arkansas, Dr. Godbey has produced another book, "Foundations of Faith," a work which is now a text-book on Christian evidences in some of our colleges. Dr. Godbey was chairman of the delegation of the St. Louis Conference of 1886. He represented the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1894, and was chairman of the Little Rock Conference delegation in 1902 and 1906. Emory College conferred on Rev. J. E. Godbey the title of D.D. in 1885.

REV. WILLIAM RILEY MAYS, D.D.

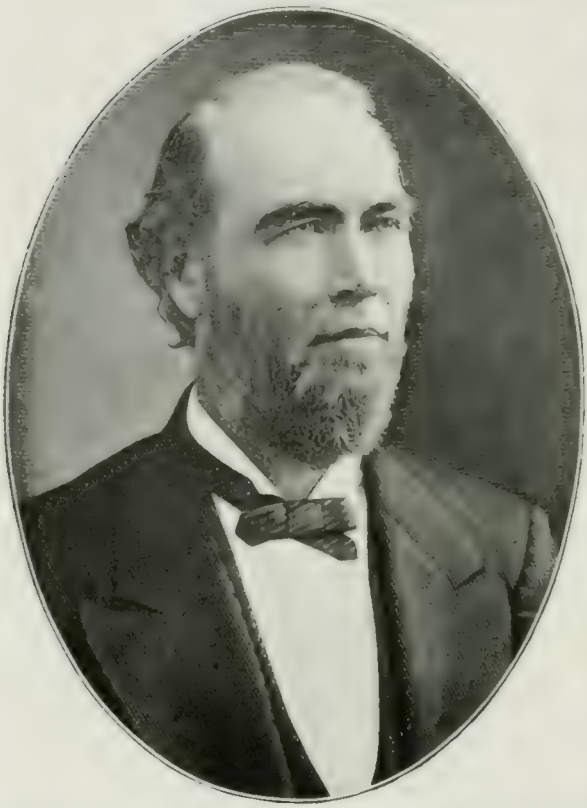
On with toil of heart and knees and hands,
Thro' the long gorge to the far light has won
His path upward, and prevail'd.—*Tennyson.*



Rev. William Riley Mays, son of Riley Mays and Sarah Mays, both of whom were members of the Baptist Church, was born in Caldwell County, Missouri, April 5th, 1843. He was converted in his room, all alone, in the City of Chicago, January 7th, 1867, and joined Clark Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, under the ministry of Dr. W. C. Dandy. He had been under conviction for some time, and went to Chicago and was a student in Eastman's Business College. D. L. Moody had more to do with the shaping of his early Christian life than any other man. After his conversion, he began active work at once, continued in the Lord's service for some years, and during all this time had a deep yearning for a deeper work of grace. He received a mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost while in school at Boston in 1874. He was licensed to preach July 14th, 1873, by the First Methodist Episcopal Church Quarterly Conference, in Aurora, Illinois; Rev. William Goodfellow, D.D., Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the St. Louis Annual Conference by the Marvin Chapel Quarterly Conference of St. Louis in 1878. He was appointed as supply to Marvin Chapel by Bishop Marvin in September, 1877. He was received on trial into the St. Louis Conference October 13th, 1878; Rev. J. W. Lewis, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop D. S. Doggett, presiding; ordained Local Deacon by Bishop D. S. Doggett at Charleston, Missouri, October 13th, 1878, having been a local preacher four years; ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Granbery at Farmington, Missouri, October 15th, 1882. Appointments served are as follows: Marvin Chapel, St. Louis, 1877-1881; Lafayette Park, St. Louis, 1881-1883; St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, 1883-1887; Marvin Chapel, St. Louis, 1887-1888; South St. Louis District, 1888-1892; St. Louis District (consolidated), 1892-1893; Kirkwood Station, 1893-1897; Farmington District, 1897-1901; Washington District, 1901-1905; Carondelet, St. Louis, 1905-1906. During his pastorates, about one thousand persons have been received into the Church. He has spent thirteen years of his ministry as Presiding Elder. The beautiful stone church at Kirkwood was built during his pastorate there, and he had something to do with building many of the churches in St. Louis and in the districts he served as Presiding Elder. His education was obtained at Rock River Seminary in Illinois, where he spent two years, and he graduated at Aurora, Illinois, before going to Boston University, where he attended the School of Theology for three years. He was married to Miss Mary V. Allen, October 7th, 1886, and they have two children, W. R. Mays, Jr., and Myrtle L. Mays. Some of the books, aside from the Bible, which have been helpful to him, are: Thomas A. Kempis' "Imitation of Christ," Wesley's Journal, Fletcher's Checks, Charles G. Finney's Works and Bishop Tompson's Educational Essays.

REV. THOMAS MONROE FINNEY, D.D.

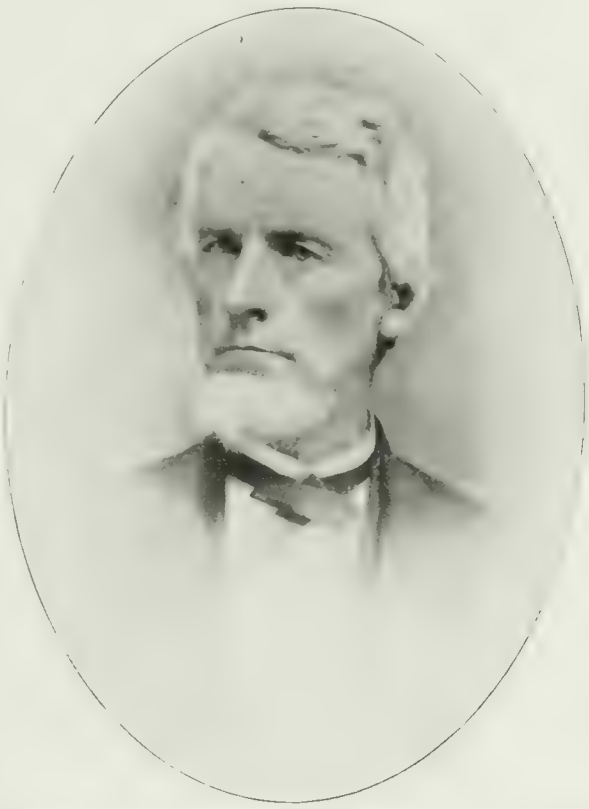
The chamber where the good man meets his fate
Is privileged beyond the common walk
Of virtuous life, quite in the verge of Heaven.—*Young.*



Rev. Thomas Monroe Finney, clergyman and philanthropist, was born July 13th, 1827, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the second son of William Finney and Jane Finney. His education in primary branches was obtained in private schools in St. Louis. In 1840 he entered St. Charles College, there continuing his studies for two years. During the next two years he was a student at St. Louis University, from which he was graduated in 1844. He then determined to continue his studies at Yale University and was one of the first three students to enter that institution from west of the Mississippi river. He graduated from Yale with the class of 1847. Returning home he studied law in the office of Gamble & Bates, being admitted to the bar in 1849. Notwithstanding the favorable auspices of professional life as a lawyer, he did not long follow that calling, feeling that he had a call to the ministry. Dr. Finney was licensed to preach by the Fourth Street Methodist Church July 1st, 1850, and on the 10th day of the same month he was admitted on trial into the St. Louis Conference, which held its session at Independence, Missouri. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrew, and Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him in 1870 by the Southern University of Alabama. During the first six years of his ministry he preached successively in Saline County, at Jefferson City and Lexington Station, two years being at that time the limit of the pastoral term. In 1856 he was brought to St. Louis, and from time to time he served as pastor of several churches in that city. He has been recognized and honored in the Church as a clear, logical and forceful preacher, but his most efficient service has been rendered as a leader, an administrator and man of affairs. During fifteen years of his active ministerial work he was a Presiding Elder in St. Louis, serving first from 1861 to 1868, and later from 1884 to 1892. Under his administration the following churches in St. Louis and vicinity were built: St. John's, Lafayette Park, Marvin, Immanuel, at Benton, Ferguson and Kirkwood. He originated the City Mission and Church Extension Society. From 1869 to 1872, he edited the St. Louis Christian Advocate. He was selected to write the life of Bishop Marvin, which is easily entitled, both for substance and composition, to a place among the leading biographies of the Church. Dr. Finney was a member of the convention which established Central College at Fayette, Missouri, and served as one of its curators for forty years. His worth as a leader, and adviser, sound in judgment and wise in counsel, was recognized by the Church at large. He was made President of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He served with distinction as a member of the General Conference and a member of the Cape May Commission. Dr. Finny's character is one in which strength and beauty are well blended. Dr. Finney was married in 1853 to Miss Mary Shackelford of Saline County, Missouri, by whom he had four children - Eliza Lee, Mary Shackelford, William and Thomas Finney, the two latter deceased. His wife died in 1860, and four years later he married Miss Lucinda Edmonstone of St. Louis County, by whom he had four children—Jennie Lou (deceased), John, Clara Beall and Bessie Barrett.

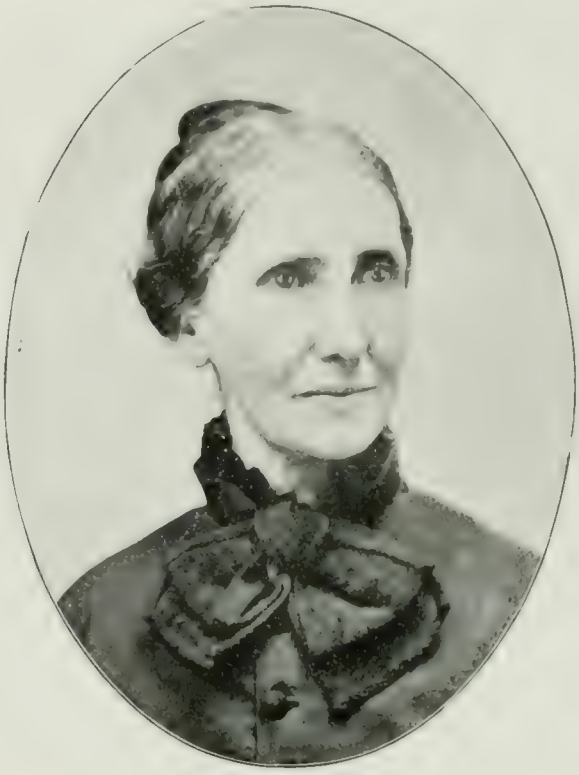
THE HONORABLE TRUSTEN POLK.

The Christian Faith and the Holy Scriptures arm us with the Means of neutralizing and repelling the assaults of evil.—*William E. Gladstone.*



Trusten Polk, Governor and United States Senator, was born May 29th, 1811, in Sussex County, Delaware, son of William N. Polk, who was a direct descendant of Robert Polk and Magdalene Polk, from whom likewise was descended the late President, James K. Polk. He graduated at Yale at the age of nineteen with distinguished honors. He studied in the office of John Rogers, then Attorney-General of Maryland, and afterward attended two courses of lectures in the law department of Yale University. In 1835, without influence and with comparatively little means, he came to St. Louis. Even at that early period, St. Louis could boast of lawyers such as Bates, Napton, Ryland, Field, Scott and Hamilton Gamble, and it is sufficient to say of Trusten Polk's abilities, that he rose to eminence among leaders like these. Aside from a mind well grounded in the philosophy and principles of legal lore, he possessed the quick discernment and clear logic that instantly grasped the salient points of a case. His manner was polished and courtly; his personal appearance was stately and distinguished. In 1843 he was city counselor. He was elected with Myron Leslie on the Democratic ticket for member of the State Constitutional Convention. In 1848 he was one of the Cass and Butler Presidential electors, but took no other prominent part in public affairs until the great political crisis of 1856, the year of the birth of the latter day Republican party. Trusten Polk was the nominee of the Democracy and Robert C. Ewing of the American party. The canvass was extremely exciting. The contest was in large measure for the United States Senate, the friends of Benton nurturing the hope that he might carry the State and the Legislature. Polk was elected Governor, Benton being third in the race. Polk was inaugurated January 3rd, 1857, and ten days later the General Assembly met to elect a United States Senator for six years, at which election Governor Polk received one hundred and one votes; Thomas H. Benton, twenty-three, and Hamilton Gamble, thirty-four. In October, 1857, Governor Polk resigned the executive chair. Early in 1861 he resigned from the Senate and went to New Madrid, where he waited an opportunity to join his fortunes with the Confederates and subsequently became Judge Advocate General of the army under General Sterling Price, with the rank of Colonel. In 1864 he was taken prisoner and was confined for several months on Johnson's Island, where he was exchanged. At the close of the war he returned to St. Louis and resumed the practice of law, continuing until his death, April 16th, 1876. Governor Polk was married in St. Louis, December 26th, 1837, to Miss Elizabeth N. Skinner, second daughter of Curtis Skinner and Ann Skinner. His children are: Anna, now Mrs. W. F. Causey, of Delaware; Mary, now Mrs. James A. Draper, of Delaware; Cornelia, now Mrs. John Kennard, of St. Louis, and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Thomas S. McPheeters, of St. Louis. Governor Polk was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and of its Annual and General Conferences. He gave his means and influence to Central College, Fayette, Missouri. He was a tower of strength to our educational interests. He was a man of stainless integrity and of the purest private character.

SKETCH OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.



MRS. E. M. MARVIN.

By Mrs. J. W. Evans, President.

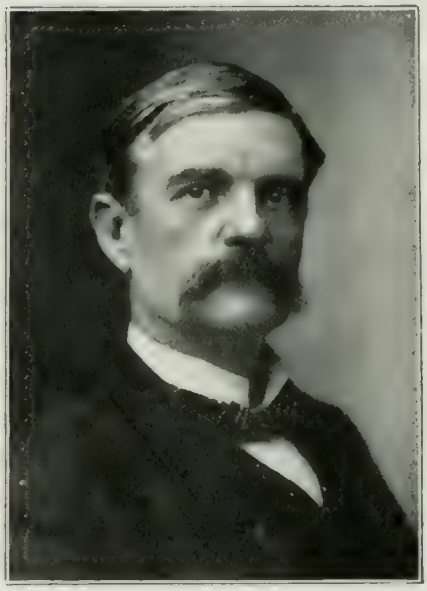
The first Missionary organization in the St. Louis Conference was effected at First Church (Eighth street and Washington avenue), November 8th, 1878. Rev. W. V. Tudor, D.D., Presiding Elder of the St. Louis District, presided, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. E. M. Marvin; Vice Presidents, Mrs. E. G. Boyle and Mrs. J. W. Lewis; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Avis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Brooks; Treasurer, Mrs. F. C. Sharp. These ladies were all members of St. John's Church, but the twenty-eight members enrolled that day were from all the churches. In October, 1879, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, visited St. Louis, and on the 18th of that month organized at St. John's Church, Twenty-ninth and Locust streets, the Conference Society, with the following officers: President, Mrs. E. M. Marvin; Vice Presidents, Mrs. L. Westlake, Mrs. L. F. Aspley and Mrs. Moore; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Avis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. C. Anderson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Lewis. Several auxiliaries were organized that year and the work was fairly started. In 1882 Mrs. C. C. Anderson was elected Treasurer, an office she filled to the perfect satisfaction of everybody concerned for fourteen years, being succeeded by Mrs. W. H. Hogan, who

MARVIN GROUP.



BISHOP MARVIN. DR. CLINTON.
DR. MORRIS. DR. JOSEPH BOYLE.

still holds the office, the St. Louis women believing that treasurers, like poets, "are born, not made." There have been six Presidents, Mrs. J. C. Granbery succeeding Mrs. Marvin, being in turn succeeded by Mrs. C. L. Smith, Mrs. John Matthews, Mrs. C. E. Patillo and Mrs. J. W. Evans, the last being the only one who was not a preacher's wife. Mrs. Avis was Corresponding Secretary for eighteen years, there being only two others, Mrs. E. L. Holmes and Mrs. J. E. Musick. The Society will this year, 1907, hold its twenty-eighth annual meeting at Sikeston, having in that time sent out seven Missionaries, viz: Miss Marcia Marvin, who served the Board first in Brazil, then in Cuba and is now resting at home; Miss Ella Granbery, who went to Brazil and is now the wife of Rev. H. C. Tucker, our agent of the American Bible Society there; Miss Helen Richardson, who is now in China, Secretary and Treasurer of the Shanghai District, and Principal of the McTyeire Home and School; Miss Willie Bowman, who made a name and place for herself in Rio de Janeiro and last year retired from the work to be married; Miss Ida Worth, who is in the employ of the Parent Board, teaching in the Lambuth Memorial in Hiroshima, Japan; Miss Emma Christine, now teaching in Mineiro College in Juiz de Fora, Brazil; and Miss Irene King, who is teaching in Sungkong, China, in the Susan B. Wilson School. These young women were sent to to us in answer to prayer, and our greatest reproach is that there are not more. The St. Louis has always been among the weaker Conference Societies, so much of its territory being in that sparsely settled part of Southeast Missouri, where very little of the territory is occupied by the Church. The women are beginning to wake up to an appreciation of the privilege of having a share in the grand work of bringing the world to Christ, and are learing that it means self-denial and work to do it. With comparatively little increase in membership we have, in five years, raised our pledge to the general work of the Board from three hundred dollars to two thousand dollars, which amount we have reached for the first time this year. We know that "there



REV. S. P. JONES,

Our Greatest Evangelist.

Sketch of the St. Louis Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

gates."

remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," but in the name of the Lord of Hosts, we propose to keep up the battle against ignorance and indifference and do, as nearly as we can, our part toward hastening the day when "the Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingsdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ."

The following are the present officers: President, Mrs. J. W. Evans; First Vice President, Mrs. C. A. Olcott; Second Vice President, Mrs. John Garton; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Hogan; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. D. Schmalhorst; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Musick. District Secretaries: St. Louis, Mrs. M. A. Harnett, Old Orchard; Farmington, Mrs. J. R. Chilton, Fredericktown; Charleston, Mrs. Joseph Lee Moore, Commerce; Poplar Bluff, Mrs. T. J. Bennett, Doniphan; West Plains, Mrs. Margaret Raub, Winona; DeSoto, Miss Nellie Murphy, St. Clair.

MRS. ELIZABETH AVIS.

Some Christians I have known were sweeter than the breath of Roses in radiant June.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*



To give a record of a life consecrated through its entire length to the service of God is a task an angel might covet. We have all known such characters and loved them, and from a group in our mind, we are going to select one figure, one that stands out prominently, and make her the subject of these thoughts. In the morning of life, she gave herself unreservedly to the service of God, and as a consequence of this choice was eminently fitted for the varied stations in life as daughter, wife, mother, teacher and friend. She was to loved ones all that is embraced in each term. Her mind was an inexhaustible store-house of knowledge gathered from her long and varied career. From this fund she freely and graciously gave to all who asked. Her life, an eventful one, was broadened and strengthened by discipline. In joy or sorrow, in sunshine or shadow, being a fellow-worker with God, she ever exerted the might of her womanly influence for good. Especially was this the case in one of her chosen branches of church work—Foreign Mission work. In this, her faith-inspired enthusiasm was an inspiration to all who came within the circle of her influence. Years developed sweetness and grace in her character; outwardly the only change they had been able to make had been to turn the dark locks to a silver color, for love, that great beautifier, was ever in her heart; hence the chisel of time failed to leave any scars on her calm, tranquil face; wherever she went, her presence seemed to impart a light and fragrance that reached upward and constantly reminds us that

"Autumn hath violets as well as Spring,
And age its sweetness hath as well as youth."

Let us be teachable and learn from the life of this dear one how beautifully Christianity harmonizes with the varied incidents of life and character and leads them into a gentleness and beauty which is a part of its own characteristic. It is beyond human calculation to estimate the good accomplished during such a life; as well attempt "to count the circles of a pool into which a pebble has been thrown"; the influence of it goes on and on through all eternity. But we can strive to make our life loving, useful and self-conquering. We can honor her by imitating the qualities we admired in her. This is one little blossom of love offered to one whose precept and example have been a blessing to us, and we offer it now, remembering that "rarest blossoms, what can they suffice, offered to one who can no longer gaze upon their beauty." Rather let us "give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates."

MRS. SARAH PINDALL WILFLEY.

It is the charm of Woman's modesty and purity that holds all Society in its coherency.—*Bishop Marvin.*

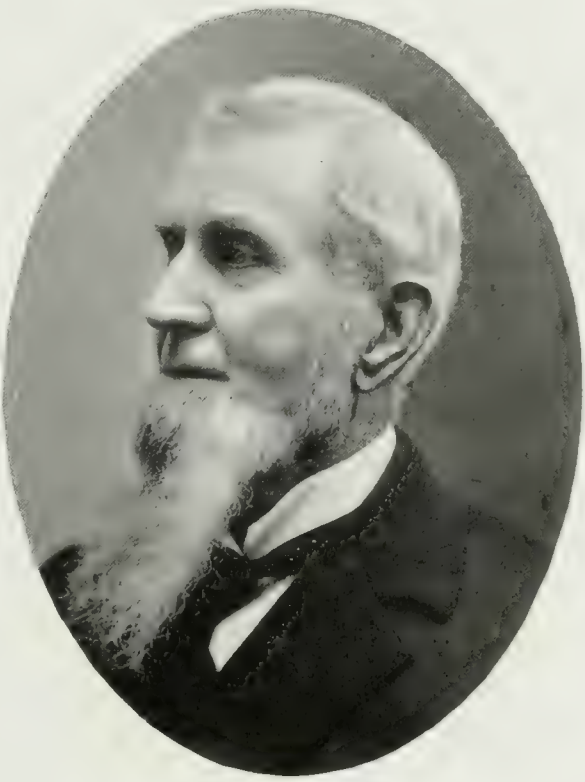


Mrs. Sarah Pindall Wilfley is the widow of James Franklin Wilfley, and the mother of Evan Shelby Pindall Wilfley, Lebbeus Redman Wilfley, Mary Morgan Wilfley, Xenophon Pierce Wilfley and J. Douglas Wilfley. She is the daughter of General Evan Shelby and Drusilla Morgan Pindall, and was born September 5th, 1840. Beginning her church life at ten years of age, she has served faithfully in Sunday School, Foreign Missionary and Home Mission work. As Conference Corresponding Secretary, she was for seven years a member of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Her fine executive ability and clear conception of the needs of the work, coupled with faithful consecrated service, soon ranked her a distinguished member of that distinguished body of women. She is the author of some of the most comprehensive laws of this organization. She filled various important places at the Annual meetings which were held at Little Rock, St. Louis, Richmond, Atlanta, Montgomery and Ashville. Through the courtesy of the Woman's Board of City Missions of the St. Louis Conference Society, she is an emeritus life member of that body. Her four sons, all students of Central College, and three of them graduates of that institution, have taken foremost rank in their chosen professions. Nor have they become so absorbed or blinded by their successes as to forget to live true to the principles so deeply implanted by their mother's Christian training, for they honor and serve the God she first taught them to love. This fact was strongly emphasized recently by the author of a mafiazine article, who, recognizing the influence of the mother on the character of her distinguished son, Judge L. R. Wilfley, now Judge of the United States Court in China, when speaking of him, pays the following just and graceful tribute to her. "Besides being a 'gentleman unafraid,' he is the clean, wholesome type of American who does not believe that ideals are a marketable commodity, so he has kept a surprising number of the old-fashioned notions which seem to be coming once more into vogue. One of them is a pronounced zeal for a clean national escutcheon. I fancy that the old Methodist mother back in Missouri, who is the Judge's most faithful American correspondent, has had more than a little to do with this. Probably it was from as an unassuming teacher as she that he got his simple creed: 'The greatest factor in life, next to honesty, is courage.'"

REV. JOHN W. ROBINSON.

Then on the incarnate Saviour's breast
The fount of sweetness, they shall rest.—*Keble.*

By Rev. John E. Godbey, D.D.



Rev. John W. Robinson was born in Campbell County, Virginia, April 15th, 1824. He moved with his father and mother, William and Lucy Robinson, to Callaway County, Missouri, seven miles from Fulton to the farm on which Calwood is now built. In 1845 he married Miss Dorcas Griffith, the daughter of Asa and Elizabeth Griffith of St. Charles County, Missouri. On the 24th of August, 1838, he was converted at the Craighead camp-ground, three miles southwest of Fulton, and shortly afterwards he was baptized by Rev. Abram Milice at Captain Anderson's on the Nine Mile Prairie. On May 4th, 1847, he took the entered apprentice degree in Fulton lodge of the A. F. & A. M. He was passed June 1st, raised June 23d, 1847. On the 10th of February, 1849, he was licensed to preach by Rev. W. W. Redman, Presiding Elder of St. Charles District of the Missouri Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John Early October 31st, 1855, and Elder by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh on the 4th day of October, 1868. In 1874 he entered on trial the St. Louis Annual Conference, of which he became a member two years afterwards. He served the Carondelet Church one year; Mount Olive Circuit, one year; Salem and Rolla, two years; Manchester, three years; Merimac Circuit, two years; Farmington, four years; Fredericktown, three years; Brdigeton, four years, and Clayton, four years. At the Conference held at DeSoto, 1898, he was granted the superannuated relation. He died Saturday, September 22d, 1900, in Chicago, age seventy-six years. The funeral took place from St. John's Methodist Church in St. Louis, Tuesday, September 25th, Rev. B. M. Messick, D. D., and Rev. J. E. Godbey, D. D., officiating. He was Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and was buried under the auspices of that order. I became acquainted with John W. Robinson in 1860 when I was a student in St. Charles College. Brother Robinson resided there and took much interest in the class of young preachers. We all loved him very much. He was then a local preacher in our church. Brother Robinson was a man of fine natural ability and of good literary attainments. To me he was always a very interesting preacher. After he became a member of the St. Louis Conference I was his Presiding Elder for two years. We both lived at the town of Salem. Never had we associates dearer to us than Brother Robinson and his wife, Dorcas, and his youngest daughter, Julia, than with them. Their home life was most beautiful. No one could excel Sister Robinson as a housekeeper and her husband knew that full well. He loved Dorcas with a chivalrous devotion to the last. When she was called home he was left as one walking alone and crying in the night. His children were tender and devoted to him; they were well-to-do and in the north or south he could make his home with them at will. I loved Brother Robinson; I never loved a man more; he had a gentle spirit, and he never wearied in the patience of hope and the labor of love.



REV. CHARLES MARTYR HAWKINS, D. D.

All Christ's teaching is a Divine Poetry, luxuriant in Metaphor,
And overflowing with Truth.—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*

Rev. Charles Martyr Hawkins, D. D., is a native of Missouri, born at Glasgow, spending his childhood at Richmond and younger manhood at Warrensburg. He joined the Southwest Missouri Conference at Marshall, 1880, having traveled the previous six months as supply under M. Adkisson on the Pleasant Hill Circuit.

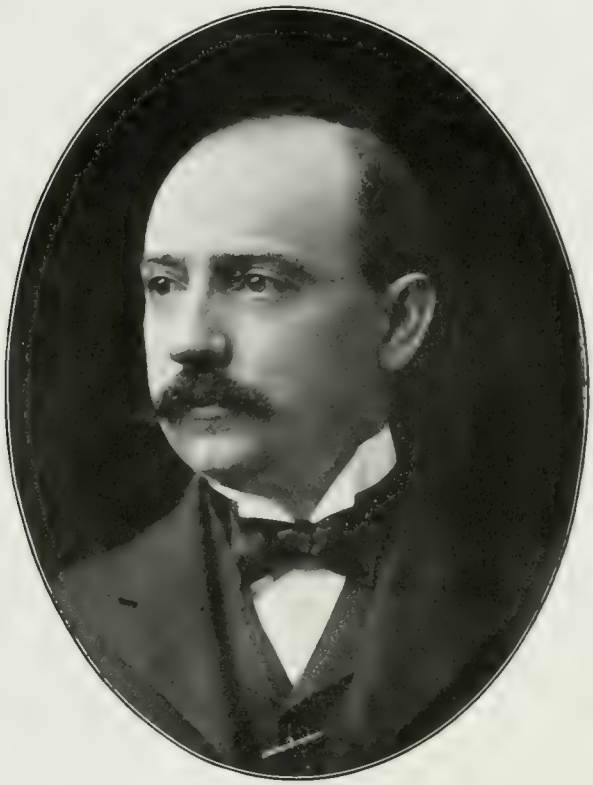
At the Conference of 1880 he was appointed as Junior Preacher to this same work. After nine months he was appointed to fill a vacancy at Washington Street, Kansas City, where he remained four years and three months. He then served the following charges, remaining four years at each, excepting the last named: Boonville, Independence, Central Church, Kansas City and Troost Avenue, Kansas City.

In 1898 he transferred to the Baltimore Conference, serving four years each at Trinity, Baltimore and Greene Memorial, Roanoke, Virginia. In 1905 he transferred to the St. Louis Conference and was stationed at Cabanne, St. Louis, where he is now pastor.

In 1883 he was married to Miss Mary A. Mathews, daughter of Rev. John Mathews, D. D. Four children blessed this union, all of whom are yet living: John Mathews, Robert Martyr, Phala and Oscar Menefee. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the Missouri State University, 1897.

Every pastorate of Dr. Hawkins has been marked by large in-gatherings into the Church and full financial reports. His gifts as a revivalist have led to his helping a number of brother pastors each year in meetings which, almost without exception, have resulted in large visible results.

Dr. Hawkins is a man of fine social qualities and his presence graces any social evening. He has a pleasing voice and in pulpit utterance he knows how to use his voice with the best effect. He thinks in symbols and hence it is easy and pleasing for an audience to follow him. His power of statement is strong and this is enforced by apt illustration. The truth is mighty in his hand.



MR. CHARLES HIRAM LANHAM.

All that love to our fellow-man can prompt finds itself only a Copy of That Life which was spent in continually Doing Good.—*Dr. Cunningham Geikie.*

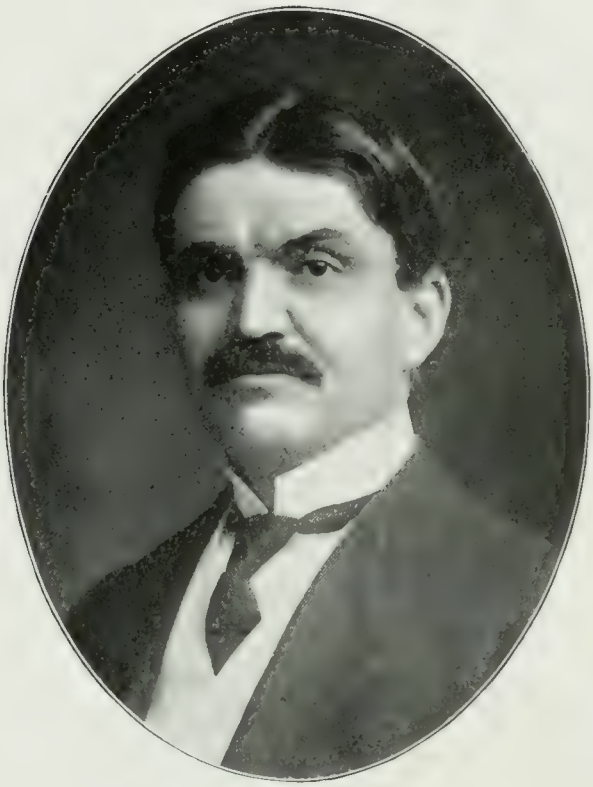
Mr. Charles Hiram Lanham was born January 10th, 1858, at New Albany, Indiana. He is the son of Hiram Lanham and Ann E. Lanham, members of the Methodist Church. His mother, who is still living, has been a Methodist for more than sixty years. He was converted in his own room in 1882 and joined St. John's Church, St. Louis, and was a member there for a few months but joined Centenary Church December 31st, 1882, where he is still a member. He was convicted of sin, and while reading one of Bishop William Taylor's books was shown the way of salvation. He laid the book aside, knelt at his bedside, and was converted. Shortly after his conversion, and while reading "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," by Hannah Whitehall Smith, he gave himself to God in a full consecration, and since that day has never had a desire to withdraw the consecration. God accepted the offering and the word of God became another book to him. God gave him the witness of his consecration and fulfilled His promise in giving him the Comforter. His education was received principally in the public schools. He was a delegate to the World's Third Sunday School Convention which met in London. He went with the delegation from North America on the Catalonia of the Cunard line. He considers the time when the subject of a full surrender to God was first presented to him and he understood what it was as the most importance event in his life. Some of the books which have been most helpful to him, aside from the Bible, are "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," "Interior Life," "Life of Alfred Cookman," Wesley's Sermons, "Life of Amanda Smith," and "Biographies of Godly Men and Women." He has been a member of Centenary church for more than twenty-four years, and has been honored by the church as a class-leader, Sunday School Superintendent, Steward, and Sabbath School teacher. He is now Secretary of the Board of Stewards and also Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the St. Louis Conference.

REV. WILLIAM COURT, A. B., B. D.

It is the grand distinction of humanity that it is made permeable By the Divine Nature, prepared in that manner to receive and Entemple the Infinite Spirit.—*Dr. Bushnell.*



Rev. William Court was born April 28th, 1869, at St. Louis, Missouri. He is a son of William Court and Julia Court. His parents had been brought up in the German Evangelical Church. He was converted in a little chapel on Russell Avenue in St. Louis, where Rev. J. J. Watts labored for a number of years. It was during special services conducted by Rev. Richard Garrison that he was converted June 6th, 1886. He joined Marvin Church, St. Louis, August 22d, 1886. All his life he had shown inclination to be religious, though not always good. He realized his need of salvation when seventeen years of age. It was a struggle for him to fix his mind on the one thing needful, but the Spirit gave help and he entered into the experience of forgiveness with great quiet in his soul. His religious experience has not always been satisfactory, but a desire to honor God with his service and life has kept him in union with His love. All of his movements have been actuated by a single motive—to serve man in larger service of love and faith to God. He was granted license to exhort by the Quarterly Conference of Marvin Chapel church in 1889, and granted license to preach by the same Quarterly Conference June 8th, 1891. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Nashville District Conference in 1900 and was received into the St. Louis Annual Conference in 1900; Rev. James W. Lee, D. D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop John C. Granbery, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1897; was ordained Elder by Bishop Warren A. Candler at Fredericktown, Missouri, in 1901. He has served the following appointments: Higbee Circuit, 1894-1897; Bellvue Circuit, 1897-1898; Cabanne charge, 1900-1901; transferred to Japan Mission Conference and appointed teacher at Kobe, Japan, 1901-1902; principal of Palmore Institute, Kobe, Japan, 1902-1905; home on enforced leave of absence due to Mrs. Court's health, 1905-1906; transferred to St. Louis Conference and appointed to Grand Avenue Church, 1906-1907. He has received about one hundred and twenty-five persons into the church. He attended the public schools in St. Louis, Central College, graduating with A. B. degree in 1897, and Vanderbilt University, Theological Department, taking B. D. degree in 1900. He was married to Miss Cora May Trawick on April 18th, 1901, and they have one little boy, Andrew Trawick Court. He says his missionary experience is the sweetest page of his life's history and he would rather give his strength in the far-off country, if God permitted, than be in the place so many deem as "home." Some of the books which have helped him most are "Pilgrim's Progress," "With Christ," by Andrew Murray, "The New Acts of the Apostles," and "Sermons for the New Life."



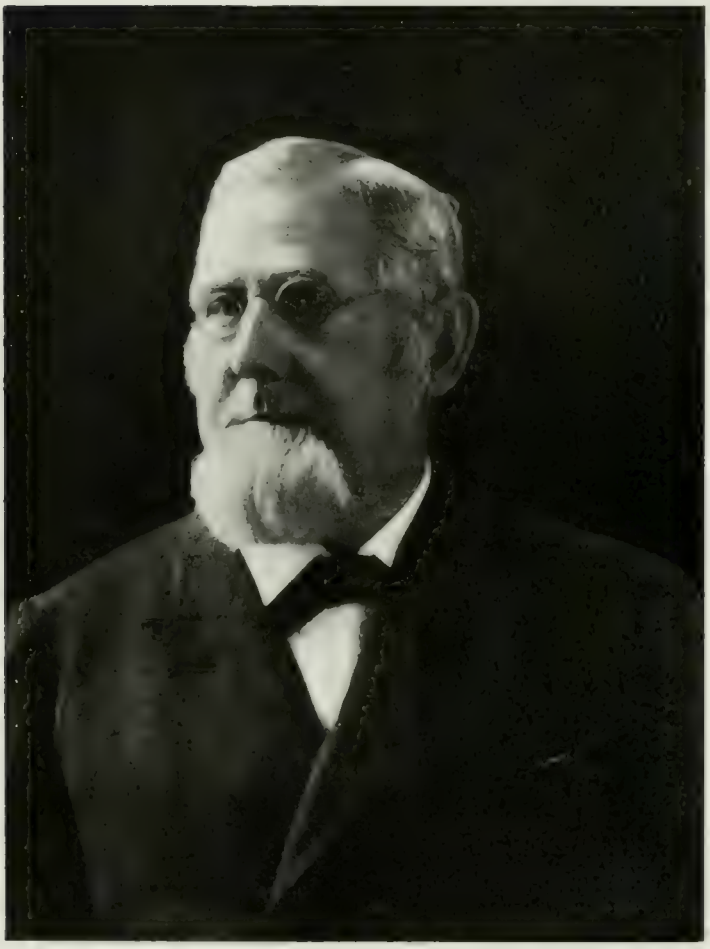
REV. THEODORE COPELAND.

The highest Reason ends in Faith.—*Bishop Marvin.*

Rev. Theodore Copeland, son of S. V. Copeland and Mary J. Copeland, was born November 18th, 1867, at Blountsville, Alabama. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1889 at Greensboro, Alabama, under the ministry of Rev. J. B. Culpepper. His growth in grace has been gradual but persistent and progressive. Forgetting the things that are behind he is pressing forward to Christian perfection. He was licensed to preach in 1890 by the Quarterly Conference of First Church of Birmingham, Alabama; Rev. V. O. Hawkins, Presiding Elder, and Rev. C. B. Riddick, D. D., preacher in charge; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and he was received into the Annual Conference in 1891; Rev. L. A. Daisey, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Galloway presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Duncan in November, 1893, at Talladega, Alabama; ordained Elder by Bishop Galloway in November, 1895, at Gadsden, Alabama. His education was obtained at Southern University, Greensboro, Alabama, and at Vanderbilt University. He was married to Miss Kate Phillips July 6th, 1892, and they have two children, Theo. Copeland, and Phillips Copeland.

REV. JOHN W. CUNNINGHAM.

The pure in heart shall see God forever and the widening vision
Shall fill the redeemed, soul and body, with light.
—*Bishop Hendrix.*



Rev. John W. Cunningham was born at Leitchfield, Kentucky, June 12th, 1824; lived there till near fifteen years old, when he entered the store of his brother at Elizabethtown. His education in the village school house was spelling, reading, arithmetic, writing and English grammar. After more than a year in the store he spent ten months in the Green River High School at Bowling Green. He returned to the store July, 1841. In 1800 his mother became a Presbyterian, and later a Cumberland Presbyterian. His religious associations were with those people before he was nineteen and a half years old. He was converted at a revival in the Methodist Church at Elizabethtown about noon, on February 1st, 1844. Two months later he was a class leader; July 6th was licensed to preach; was received on trial in the Kentucky conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and preached his first sermon as junior preacher with Rev. A. H. Redford at Augusta, where was then the oldest college in Methodism, whose first President, Martin Ruter, was the first Methodist Doctor of Divinity, and as a "Doctor" he preached in the Methodist Church in Augusta arrayed in a black silk gown. The young preacher spent his first two years in Mason and Bracken counties. September 17th he was united in marriage with Miss Samantha S. Ingram. After nearly sixty-one years of married life she is with him. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Soule in 1846 and Elder by Bishop Capers in 1848. He served Methodism in the Kentucky and Louisville Conferences, on Circuits, Stations and District, twenty-five years. In January, 1866, he became editor of the Kentucky Department of the Christian Advocate of St. Louis, Missouri, and Louisville, Kentucky, and did the work for that Department and of a pastor nearly four years, living three years of the time in Louisville. Before and after the period indicated the paper was known as the "St. Louis Christian Advocate." In September, 1869, he came to Missouri with a certificate of location and was received into the Missouri Conference. After three years at Palmyra, one at Chillicothe, and two at St. Charles he retired at his request by location in September, 1875, and has been nearly thirty years a local Elder in Centenary Church, St. Louis.

REV. WILLIAM PEERY GIBSON.

He took kindly to every aspect of the life which God and Nature gave him.—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*



Rev. William Peery Gibson was born December 5th, 1825, in Taswell County, West Virginia. His parents, John Gibson and Cynthia Peery Gibson, were life-long members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was converted in 1836 in old Taswell Court House under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Weaver. He united with the church at the same time and place. There is no incident, he says, that lingers in his memory to compare with the one which took place the night when God for Christ's sake, pardoned his sins. He looks back to that hour now as the most supreme moment of his long life. Since being a militant in the army of the Lord for seventy years he has learned many of the arts of this life of warfare. He has camped on battlefields, crossed lances with enemies, vanquished foes, and although a little bronzed by burning suns, he says that he stands with his feet on higher ground than ever before. And now, after the battle and the strife, in the serene and calm evening of life, he is expecting and looking for that abundant entrance through the beautiful gates. He was licensed to preach in 1849 in Jefferson County, Missouri; the preacher in charge was Rev. John Buren, his uncle, and Rev. Mr. Roberts was the Presiding Elder; he was received into the Annual Conference in 1849; Rev. Mr. Roberts, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Jones presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Beverly Waugh in 1851, at Hannibal, Missouri; he was ordained Elder by Bishop David S. Doggett in 1867 at Arcadia, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Steelville Circuit, two years; Cape Girardeau, one year; Oregon Circuit was his next appointment, but on account of wife's illness could not go and asked for a location; after some years he again entered the traveling connection, about 1875; from this time he served Piedmont Station four years; Marquand, four years; Oakridge, one year; Benton, two years; Bellview Circuit, one year; Richwoods, two years. He has witnessed many conversions and has been blessed by taking many into the church. He received his education in the best country schools of his day. He was married to Miss Augusta Thomas, August 7th, 1851, and his children are Mrs. Mary Gibson Townsend and Mrs. Lucy Gibson Thornburgh. Two sons, John Emery Gibson and William Howard Gibson, died in childhood. Wesley's "Notes," Clark's "Commentaries," and Fletcher's "Appeal," are books which have greatly helped him. Brother Gibson writes: "In this the evening time of life I am biding my time, serving the Lord as best I can. I am very happily situated, my every want is looked after by loving, devoted children. I spend my summers at Potosi and Belgrade, Missouri, with my oldest daughter, Mrs. Charles S. Townsend, and her children, in whose homes I am monarch of all I survey. My winters I spend with my youngest daughter in this the city of roses, Little Rock, Arkansas. Her husband, Hon. George Thornburgh, of Sunday School fame, lives for the good he can do humanity. He is Superintendent of the largest Sunday school in the State and gives the best energies of his life to this work."

REV. JOHN RUDOLPH EDDLEMON.

The Christ-life seizes all the soul, and fires it with the glory of
Assured and perpetual triumph.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*



Rev. John Rudolph Eddlemon was born in Perry County, Missouri, November 2nd, 1838. His father, Joseph F. Eddlemon, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and his mother, Belinda Eddlemon, was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but afterward joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with her husband. He was converted at Mount Pleasant camp ground, near the place of his birth, when about eleven years old, at a meeting conducted by Rev. D. W. Pollack, Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. M. Proctor, the pastor in charge. His conversion was the culmination of impressions beginning with the earliest recollections. The family altar was really the place, he says, of earliest religious life. He always enjoyed all of the means of grace and does not remember, even in his youth, to have neglected, or wilfully refused to hear preaching or to attend prayer meeting and class meeting when he had the opportunity. He loved the preachers and their visits to his father's house were always a delight to him. He was licensed to preach at an appointment a few miles west of Fort Scott, Kansas, on the Fort Scott Mission; Rev. Charles Boles, Presiding Elder, and Rev. Arthur Hawkins, preacher in charge in 1869; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference in 1869. He was received on trial into the St. Louis Conference in the fall of 1869; Rev. Charles Boles, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Pierce, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Doggett October 15th, 1871, at St. Louis, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Wightman, October 19th, 1873, at Charleston, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Bloomgarden, 1869-1870; Salem Circuit, 1870-1872; Marble Hill, 1872-1874; Plattin Circuit, 1874-1876; York Chapel and Mount Pleasant, 1876-1877; Bloomfield Circuit, 1877-1878; Lutesville Circuit, 1878-1880; Jackson and Cape Girardeau, 1880-1881; Lutesville, 1881-1883; Merimac Circuit, 1883-1886; Washington and New Haven, 1886-1888; Potosi Circuit, 1888-1892; New Haven, 1892-1896; Potosi, 1896-1898; Fredericktown, 1898-1900; Poplar Bluff District, 1900-1902; Bellefontaine and Coldwater, 1902-1906; Mount Zion and Trinity, his present charge. He has received into the church about four hundred persons. Under his pastorate two churches on the Marble Hill charge were built; a parsonage at Marble Hill; parsonage at Potosi, and others were begun, finished, improved and repaired on charges he has served. His education was received in the country schools, the Arcadia High School and the Academy at DeSoto, Missouri. He was married to Miss Mary Abernathy September 16th, 1879, and one little girl was born to them, Jessie Eddlemon.

REV. RUFUS A. HOLLOWAY.

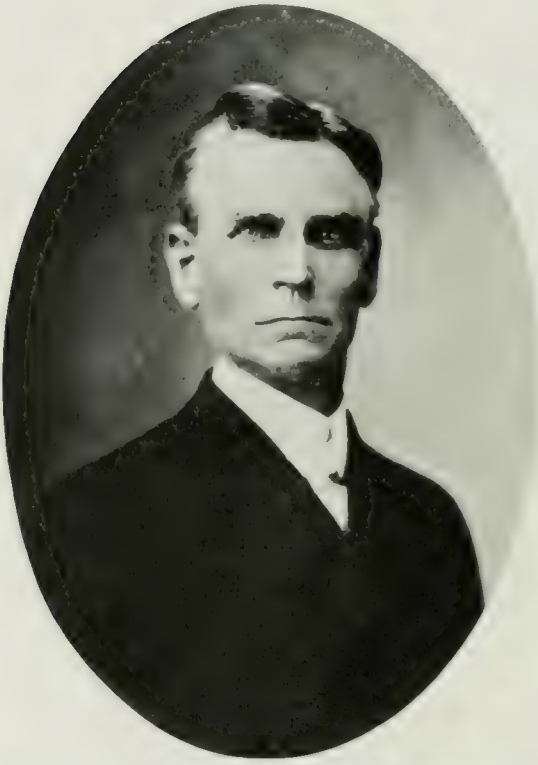
His name shall stand forever;
That name to us is Love.—*James Montgomery.*



Rev. Rufus A. Holloway was born May 20th, 1849, at Ellisville, St. Louis County, Missouri. His parents, William Holloway and Elizabeth Holloway, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He joined the church at Lewis Chapel in 1865 under the ministry of Rev. J. E. Godbey, D. D. About two years later he was converted while attending school at Washington, Missouri —Washington High School, under the management of Rev. J. E. Godbey, D. D. His conversion was bright and happy while crossing the street in the town of Washington. He had been in distress for a week and was earnestly seeking the Lord in secret by prayer and searching the Scriptures. It marked a new era in his life. All nature seemed to have received a fresh touch from the hand of the Creator. His growth in grace has been somewhat regular, with here and there a fresh impetus given by a good meeting, a spell of seeking a baptism of the Holy Spirit leading to a fuller consecration. He was licensed to preach in April, 1870, by the Quarterly Conference of Washington Circuit, Rev. J. E. Godbey, D. D., preacher in charge, and Rev. J. H. Boyle, D. D., Presiding Elder; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in September, 1871; was received into the West St. Louis Conference, afterwards the Southwest Missouri Conference, at Kansas City, in September, 1871; Rev. H. W. Webster, Presiding Elder, and Bishop D. S. Doggett presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop G. F. Pierce in 1872 at Nevada City, Missouri; was ordained Elde rby Bishop J. C. Keener in October, 1874, at Lexington, Missouri. He has served the following charges: Nevada City Circuit, 1871; Clinton, 1872; Westport, 1873; Westport and Belton, 1874; Warrensburg, 1875; Versailles Station, 1876-1877; Independence Station, 1878-1879; Sedalia, 1880; Waverly, 1881-1882; Marshall, 1883-1884; Staten, 1885; Gilliam, 1886; Staten Station, 1887-1888; Warrensburg, 1889-1890; Citra, Florida, 1891-1894; Live Oak, 1895; Madison, Florida, 1896-1897; Batesville, Arkansas, 1898-1899; Marianna, 1900-1901; in the fall of 1902 he took a supernumerary relation, but served DeVallo Bluff for nine months; same relation in fall of 1903, but preached three months at Crosset, Arkansas; in December, 1904, he was appointed to Keatchil, Louisiana; stationed at Winnfield, Louisiana, 1906-1907. The church at Belton and parsonages at Staten, Warrensburg and Citra, Florida, were all built under his pastorates. He attended the Washington High School, at Washington, Missouri. He was married to Miss Ella Dent, September 21st, 1875. The following children were born of this marriage: Edgar Pierge Holloway, John Lewis Holloway, Rufus Emory Holloway, Mary Holloway and Elizabeth Holloway. Among the books that have helped him he names Wesley's and Watson's "Sermons," Drummonds "Natural Law," "Training of the Twelve," "Our Children," by Haygood, "The Crisis of Missions," and of late years the works of Dr. S. D. Gorden.

REV. ZACHARY TAYLOR McCANN.

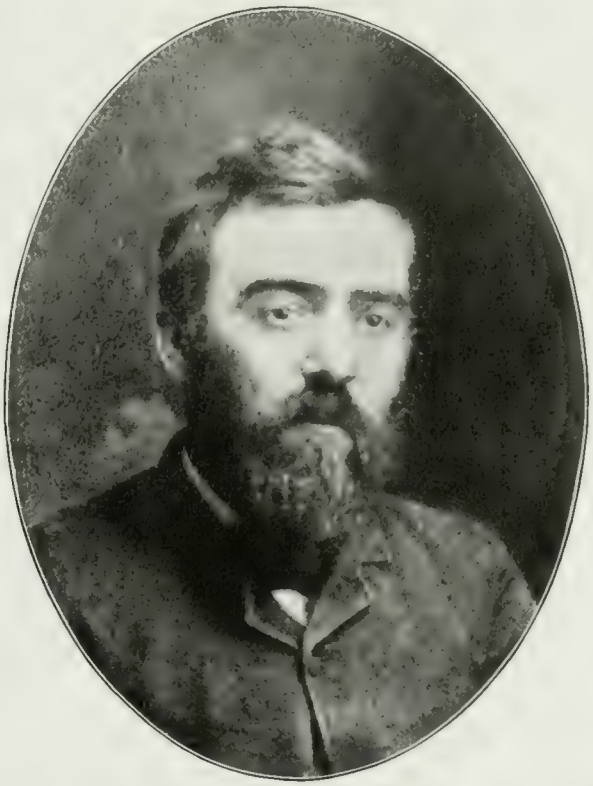
The only hope of the world's Redemption is in co-operation With God.—*Bishop Hendrix.*



Rev. Zachary Taylor McCann, son of Michael L. McCann and Catherine McCann, was born in Talladega County, Alabama, September 1st, 1848. His parents moved to Arkansas in 1857. He was converted at a camp-meeting near Arkadelphia, Arkansas, under the ministry of Dr. A. R. Winfield. There was nothing at all strange about his conversion. From childhood he had been taught to love the church and the ministry, and at this camp-meeting he gave his hand to the church and his heart to God, fully, without reserve, and at the same time resolved to give his whole life to the work of the ministry and at once began to prepare for his life work. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Tulip Circuit, Little Rock Conference, November 16th, 1872; Rev. A. Minor, preacher in charge, and Dr. A. R. Winfield, Presiding Elder. The same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial at the same time, with the same preacher in charge and same Presiding Elder; was received into the Annual Conference on trial December 3rd, 1872; Dr. A. R. Winfield, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh in Monticello, Arkansas, November 29th, 1874; ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, December 5th, 1876. Appointments filled: Hamburg Circuit, 1873; Perryville Circuit, 1874; Mt. Ida Circuit, 1875; Holly Grove Circuit, 1876; Dallas Circuit, 1877; Locksbury Circuit, 1878; Little Rock Circuit, 1879; Carlisle Circuit, 1880; Colleyville Circuit, 1881-1882; Hickory Circuit, 1883-1885; Des Arc Station, 1886-1887; Lehigh Circuit, 1888-1889; New Edinburg, 1890-1891; transferred to St. Louis Conference in 1901, and stationed at Dexter and Malden; Dexter and Malden, 1892-1893; Caruthersville Circuit, 1894; supernumerary 1895; Doniphan Circuit, 1896-1899; Potosi Circuit, 1899; Fredericktown Station, 1900-1902; Bridgeton Circuit, 1902-1905; Immanuel Station, 1906. Nineteen hundred and seventy-three persons have been received into the church under his ministry. Two churches and two parsonages have been built or remodeled under his pastorates. He received his education in the public and private schools of Arkansas. He was married to Miss Fannie Wade, February 3rd, 1881, and their children are: Wade L. McCann, Carrie E. McCann, Earl C. McCann, Roy O. McCann, M. Floy McCann, Ruth L. McCann, Fannie P. McCann, Dorothy T. McCann and Willard O. McCann. He considers his conversion, which changed his whole life from politics to that of the ministry, as the most important crisis in his life. "Fletcher's Appeal" and "Watson's Institutes" are two of the books, aside from the Bible, that have greatly helped him in his Christian life.

REV. CHARLES EUGENE DE VINNEY.

Our Good Shepherd never puts us forth to the work or warfare
Of any day without going before us.—*Dr. F. B. Meyer.*



Rev. Charles Eugene De Vinney was born at Nashville, Tennessee, March 2nd, 1847. He departed this life at midnight April 21st, 1906. His boyhood and youth were spent in the City of Nashville, and other parts of Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana. Shortly after the close of the Civil war his parents came to St. Louis, when, after a few years, they decided to return to the Southland. Scarcely had the Stonewall made the first hundred miles of her trip, when a terrible catastrophe occurred. On the night of October 27th, 1869, her boilers blew up, and she burned almost to the water's edge. Many lives were lost, among whom were the parents of C. E. De Vinney, a little brother and sister. Sad though it was, he pressed on with renewed zeal, a valliant soldier for his Lord and Master, against all odds. On June 21st, 1870, he was recommended by the Leaders Meeting of Wesley Chapel, St. Louis, for license, and authorized to preach, being then in his twenty-third year. Rev. Dr. Boyle was Presiding Elder of the District at that time. Two years later he was ordained Deacon by Bishop George F. Pierce, at Arcadia, Missouri. On October 18th, 1874, he was ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener at Caledonia, Missouri. He was married to Miss Leeanah Gourley, November 19th, 1873. The union was blessed with six children, two sons and four daughters. During his active ministry he served the following charges: Manchester, Saint Clair, Steelville, Potosi, Bloomfield, Licking, New Madrid, Benton, Marquand, Doniphan, Arcadia and West Plains. As a preacher, he was thoughtful, strong and spiritual. His sermons were prepared with great care, realizing as he did the importance of the message he brought the people. If any special line of work was characteristic of our departed brother, it was his breaking the Bread of Life to the poor. Truly he was the friend of the friendless. No home was too lowly for him to enter and minister to the sick, bury the dead, and comfort the bereaved, and no distance was too great for him to go to do this labor of love. Perhaps his desire to do this particular line of work was due to his own bereavement early in life—the loss of loved ones. Rev. C. E. De Vinney was a member of the St. Louis Conference thirty-six years, sixteen of which he spent in the itineracy. During these years he wrought well in the vineyard of the Master and with other heroic men helped lay the foundation of our church in Southeast Missouri. During the eleven latter years of his life, he was totally blind, but in the darkness of his natural vision, he lost not that faith which takes hold on the Eternal, and during these weary years of suffering he "endured as seeing Him who is invisible," and looked for the "city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."



REV. ARTHUR MATHER, D. D.

Videte qualem charitatem dedit nobis Pater.—St. John.
Behold what manner of Love the Father hath bestowed upon us.

The Rev. Arthur Mather, D. D., hails from Great Britain, and was born at Rawdon, near the city of Leeds, in the County of York. His family has been identified with Methodism from its earliest days; his kinsman, Alexander Mather, having been ordained a General Superintendent by John Wesley himself, and was the second President of the Conference after Mr. Wesley's death.

Dr. Mather joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1880 at the Carlisle Road Church in the Bradford (Mannungham) Circuit. He began to preach in the year 1885, and was admitted on Full Plan as a Local preacher in 1887, under the ministry of the Rev. Joseph Nettleton.

After completing his education he adopted the profession of Expert Accountant and followed this until entering the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

He came to this country in 1899, and after a brief stay in the city of Philadelphia, came to Missouri, and joined the St. Louis Annual Conference. His appointments have been as follows: Supply on the old Gayoso Circuit, Hayti, St. Louis (Immanuel), and Assistant Secretary of the Board of Church Extension at Louisville, Kentucky, which latter appointment he now holds.

Dr. Mather was educated at the Rawdon National School, the Belle Vue High School at Bradford, Yorks, the Bradford Municipal College, and South Kensington, London.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway, and Elder by Bishop Hendrix.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Morrisville College in 1905.

Dr. Mather married in 1891 Miss Martha Bradley, the eldest daughter of Thomas Bradley, Esq., of Bradford, Yorks, and has two sons named resepctively Thomas Bradley and John Waterhouse Mather.

REV. WILLIAM M. LEFTWICH, D. D.

They do not die who leave their thought imprinted on some Deathless page.—*Thomas Bailey Aldrich.*

By Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald.



If asked by what right Dr. Leftwich is accorded a place in this volume, the answer is: Dr. Leftwich was a Missouri Methodist. The prime of his manhood was given to the service of the Church in Missouri. In Missouri he grew into strength and effectiveness as a preacher. The associations he formed in Missouri were cherished by him tenderly all his life. He carried Missouri in his heart. Missouri holds him in her heart today as one of her sons. It is the heart of a mother whose children have felt with joy the clasp of her loving arms, whose hearts turn back to her wherever they wander.

The Missourians in early California days were many, and they were Missourians to the very last.

Dr. Leftwich married a Missouri maiden, who thenceforward was his help-meet, his traveling companion, the light of his home and the mother of his children. God bless their living children, and be with them to the latest generation, and bring them all "Home" at last.

Missouri, Virginia, California, Tennessee and Heaven, touch in my thought when I think of Dr. Leftwich. He was of the stock of the Leftwichs of the Bedford hills, in Virginia. They were a virile, aggressive race, valued and trusted by friends and dreaded by foes. When Methodism struck them, it found congenial soil. It was the very thing that fitted their traditions and met their needs. It was no wonder that our Leftwich, the young lawyer, when he was converted, should become a Methodist preacher.

Dr. Leftwich was born in Bedford County, Virginia, November 6th, 1828. When quite young his family moved to Maury County, Tennessee, and located about four miles from Columbia.

His boyhood days, until he went to college, were spent on the farm. When quite young he entered Emory and Henry College, Virginia, and was an alumnus of that Institution. He practiced law for three years after leaving college, one year in Texas, and two years in Missouri. At the end of his third year in the law, he determined to enter the ministry, and did so. In 1851 he was married to Miss Mary M. Smith of Wellington, Missouri; entered the St. Louis Conference in 1853; was at different periods connected with the Missouri and Tennessee Conferences; for the last eight years of his life was engaged mostly in the evangelistic work.

REV. ROY P. BASLER.

Christ is a great Specialist, and He is leaving a multitude to Arrive at a Man.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*

Rev. Roy P. Basler was born in Brownsbow, Oldham County, Kentucky, July 14th, 1877. When he was three years of age his parents moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was reared. He finished the graded school course there at fourteen, and from that time until he was about twenty years old, he worked at various things, from office work to bridge building. During these years he was brought in contact with religious influences, both at home and in his association with men in the social and industrial life. The conversion of some ten or fifteen men of his acquaintance, and their subsequent zeal, made a deep impression on him, as did also the preaching of some Baptist ministers who conducted the meeting in which these men were converted. This was during his eighteenth and nineteenth years; however, he withstood conviction until the beginning of his twenty-first year. He was converted on August 17th, 1897, and was immediately given work to do in the church. He was licensed to preach in April, 1898, by the Louisville District Conference. He entered Vanderbilt Training School at Elkton, Kentucky, in September, 1899, and finished in June, 1902. He entered Vanderbilt University, Academic Department, in September, 1902, and finished the Sophomore year in June, 1904. During these years he supplied Fairview Circuit, Louisville Conference, summer of 1900; West Broadway, Louisville, summer of 1902; South Louisville, spring and summer of 1903; Valley Park and Fenton, St. Louis Conference, summer of 1904. He was received into the St. Louis Conference on trial September, 1904, and appointed to Sloan Mission at same Conference; re-appointed to same in September, 1905, and was married to Miss Mary D. Olsen, a Deaconess, January 14th, 1906; was re-appointed to Sloan Mission in September, 1906. Sloan Mission, now named Kingdom House, is Institutional, supported by the Church Extension Society and the Women's Home Missionary Society of the St. Louis District. They strive to do the four-fold work of The Kingdom—Social, Philanthropic, Educational and Evangelistic.

REV. THOMAS MILTON PATTERSON.

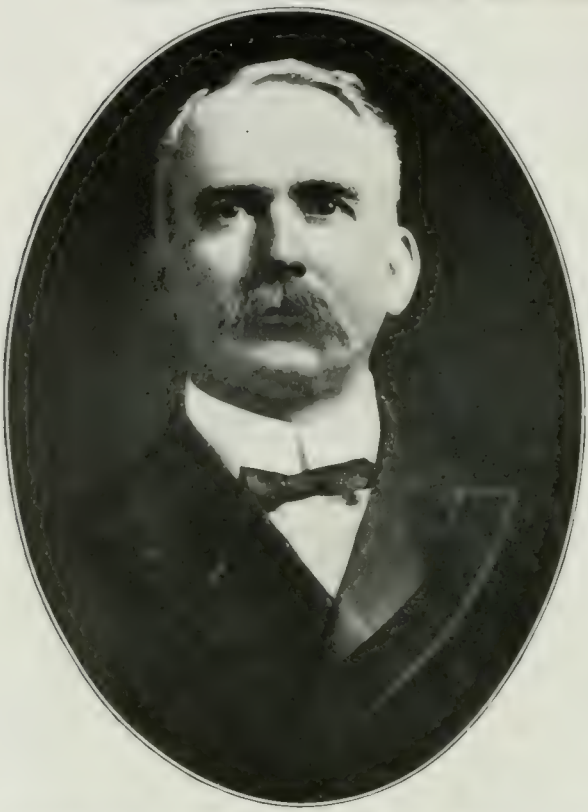
I believe that in Christendom the movement of the ages is a true Progress.—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. Thomas M. Patterson, son of William Patterson and Lydia Patterson, was born in Illinois, March 4th, 1858. He was converted in the winter of 1873, in Schuyler County, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Perry, and united with the M. E. Church, South, the church of his parents, at the same time and place. From infancy he had religious impressions, but joy and satisfaction came to him in the hour of conversion. His growth in grace has been gradual. He says: "I grow in the knowledge of God daily, by the study of His word, and the 'Spirit taking the things of the Father and showing them unto me.' As I grow in the knowledge of God, I grow in His moral image. I am not yet perfect, but am reaching thereunto." Brother Patterson was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Queen City Circuit and was admitted on trial into the Missouri Conference at Louisiana, Missouri, 1879, Rev. W. W. McMurry, presiding elder, and Bishop Wightman, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Granbery in 1882, and elder by Bishop Parker two years later. With the exception of a few years spent in Oklahoma on account of his health, Brother Patterson's life work has been in the Missouri and St. Louis Conferences. Conversions under his ministry are numbered by the hundreds, and many churches and parsonages have been remodeled and improved during his pastorate. The beautiful church at Cowgill, Missouri, stands as a monument to his untiring energy and perseverance; other churches and parsonages having been also built under his wise leadership. On January 8th, 1884, he was married to Miss Dena Kuhne, of Troy, Missouri, and two daughters, Laneta Patterson and Naomi Patterson, have blessed this union. Brother Patterson regards yielding to the call to the ministry the most important crisis in his life. He had resisted the call for years, and did not yield until the death of his father, failure in business, and defeat in other lines in 1876 led him to make a thorough consecration of his life to God. Wesley's Sermons and Clark's Commentaries are books that have been helpful to him.

REV. WILLIAM B. NORTH, PH.D.

The more exalted our conception of the God we worship, the Nobler will be our estimate of Man.—*Bishop Galloway.*



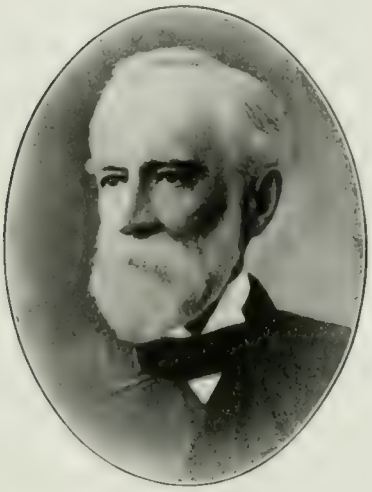
Rev. William B. North, son of Rev. John Wesley North, D. D., and Martha Jane I. North, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born April 2nd, 1859, at Hickory Grove, South Carolina. He was converted and joined the church on probation in 1868 at Shelby, North Carolina, under the ministry of Rev. A. P. Avant. At Sharon camp meeting in the same circuit he was regenerated in 1874. The beautiful Christian example and godly admonition of his parents, his stepmother, Cynthia J. North, included, brought him to God. He was licensed to preach August 7th, 1880, by the Laurinburg Quarterly Conference. Rev. H. T. Hudson, D. D., in the absence of Rev. L. L. Hendren, D. D., Presiding Elder, conducted the examination. The same Quarterly Conference recommended him for admission on trial into the North Carolina Conference in November, 1880; received into the North Carolina Conference on trial December 3rd, 1880; Bishop J. C. Keener, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Keener at Raleigh, North Carolina, December 11th, 1882; ordained Elder by Bishop Linus Parker, D. D., November 30th, 1884. Appointments served: North Carolina Conference; Montgomery Circuit, 1880-1881; Smithville Station, 1881-1883; Scotland Neck Station, 1883-1884; Weldon and Halifax Station, 1884-1886; Warren Circuit, 1886-1887; Rocky Mount and Battleboro, 1887-1888; Chapel Hill Station, 1888-1890; Chair of Mental and Moral Science in University of North Carolina, 1889-1890; West Plains Station, St. Louis Conference, 1890-1891; Sedalia Station, 1891-1892; Jefferson City Station, 1892-1893; Waverly Station, 1893-1894; Jackson Station, 1894-1895; Sikeston Station, 1895-1896; West Plains District, 1896-1900; Charleston District, 1900-1903; DeSoto Station, 1903-1905; Clayton Station, 1905-1907. About ninteen hundred and twenty-one persons have been received into the church under his ministry. Nine churches have been built and two repaired or rebuilt under his pastorates. He was educated at the Shelby High School, North Carolina, Wofford College, South Carolina, Rutherford College, North Carolina, Chautauqua University, The Chicago Correspondence School of Law, and Vanderbilt University. Hoping to be able to arrange to take a course of very high grade in Harvard University, his application papers on examination were approved by the Harvard University Examining Committee, which admitted him as a candidate for the degree of Master of Arts, but his financial condition was such that he was unable to go to Harvard. He received the degree of A. B., A. M. and Ph.D. in the regular courses leading to them from Rutherford College, when it was the largest institution of learning in North Carolina, graduated in a special course of Science and Literature from Chautauqua University, took a course of law and Theology at Rutherford College, and a short course of Theology at Vanderbilt University. He was very happily married to Miss Emma A. Stern, January 14th, 1893, and their children are Gladstone Keener North (now deceased), Paul Henry North and Martha Lee North. The greatest crisis in his life was yielding to the call to the ministry. The works of Wesley, Watson, Ralston, McClintock and Strong, Henry Ward Beecher, the great writers on modern Science and Philosophy, Wheeden, Spurgeon, Gladstone, Parker and Watkinson have been a great help to him in attempting to discharge the sacred trust committed to his hands.

REV. GEORGE WASHINGTON NOLLNER.

In very truth, the Church of Christ is the biggest thing in The Universe.—*Bishop Joseph S. Key.*



Rev. George Washington Nollner was born near Pineville, Arkansas, January 23rd, 1855. His father, Alfred Nollner, and mother, Mary Stephens Nollner, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He removed with his parents to Crawford County, Missouri, in 1864. He was converted in August, 1871, under the ministry of Rev. S. Mansell, a Baptist preacher, and a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost. He had been reared in a Christian home, a home of prayer and under the Godly training of parents who had a conscious, joyous experience of God's love. He had always had faith in God and never drifted into vice, but his conviction was deep and his conversion was as clear as a sunburst and he was filled with a joy inexpressible and full of glory. There has never been a doubt in his mind about it since. His growth in grace was steady, and he had unbroken peace with God until he felt the call to the ministry and resisted it, when there followed a long, hard struggle, which lasted about a year, but when he made a complete surrender to God, he entered into the Canaan of perfect love where he still dwells. It was a distinct work and gave him a victory and an abiding place and joy in the Holy Ghost. He was licensed to preach and ordained Elder in the Congregational Methodist Church in 1876, but united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1877. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the West Plains Circuit in August, 1877; Rev. R. A. Bradley, preacher in charge, and Rev. L. F. Aspley, Presiding Elder; was admitted into the Annual Conference at Fredericktown, in October, 1879; Rev. D. J. Marquis, Presiding Elder, and Bishop George F. Pierce, presiding. His orders as a local Elder were recognized at Fredericktown in 1879, and signed by Bishop Pierce. He has served the following charges: Eminence Circuit, Piedmont, West Plains, Siloam Springs, Williamsville, Washington and New Haven, Hematite, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Clayton and Mt. Zion; Mt. Zion; Caledonia; Fayette; Rocheport; New Franklin and Clark; Higbee; Ashland; Bowling Green; Edina; Shaw Avenue, St. Louis; Bellefontain Station, his present charge. He has received about three thousand persons into the church during his ministry. He built the Dees Chapel Church on the Piedmont Circuit, and the parsonages at New Haven, Mt. Zion and Rocheport. He received his education at the public schools and at a private school conducted by Rev. T. E. Carr, a Baptist minister from Boston. He was first married to Miss Susanah Scott, December 12th, 1874, and his present wife was Miss Sadina Artie Pehle, to whom he was married April 28th, 1887, and his children are William C. Nollner, now deceased, Minnie J. Nollner, Theodosia Nollner, Louis A. Nollner, Annie May Nollner and Ralph E. Nollner. He regards his surrender to God and decision to give his life to the ministry as the most important crisis in his life.



MR. RICHARD M. SCRUGGS.

Christianity means unselfishness, looking not at one's own things,
But upon the things of others.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev. James C. Morris, D. D.

Richard M. Scruggs was born February 10, 1822, and passed into the life beyond November 22, 1904. A man whose life can only be fully estimated by God. Mr. Samuel Cupples, for many years his most intimate and confidential friend, and his associate in the work of the church, made this tribute to him:

"Richard M. Scruggs was a many-sided man, acquainted with smiles and tears, complex in brain and heart. He had intelligence without arrogance, his genius was without pride, and his religion without bigotry, or deceit; he cared nothing for place, but everything for principle; nothing for money, but for the good he could do for others; he neither knelt nor scorned; with him men were neither great nor small; they were right, or wrong, and he knew no fear, excepting the fear of doing wrong; wealth could not purchase, power could not awe this lovable man; he was all that was gentle and just, humorous and honest, charitable, merciful, wise, chivalric, and loyal to truth."

This leaves little to be said. He was a saintly man, a lover of men, a friend and helper of any who needed his help. He was the friend of God.

HON. ALEXANDER HENRY ROBBINS, L L.B.

Mark the superiority, the ease, the dignity, on the side of the More advanced mind.—*Coleridge.*



Hon. Alexander Henry Robbins, son of Alexander H. Robbins and Anna Robbins, was born June 21st, 1875, in the City of St. Louis, Missouri. His mother's father, George W. Robinson, was captain of a river boat used in the service of the Southern Confederacy, and was captured by Gen. Butler. It is through his mother's family that he inherits his Southern Methodist leanings. When he was eight years old, his parents moved to the vicinity of Cook Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in St. Louis, and he was induced to attend Brother R. M. Scruggs' afternoon Sunday School, and has remained there ever since, finally becoming Mr. Scruggs' assistant and successor as Superintendent of Cook Avenue Afternoon Sunday School. He was converted at the age of fifteen at Cook Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. Dr. B. M. Messick, who was and is today his highest ideal of a Southern Methodist preacher. His conversion was uneventful; he had been in the Sunday School since he was eight years old and had grown to love Christ and His church. On the occasion of one of Dr. Messick's sermons, however, he was powerfully convicted of sin and constrained to make his first public confession of Christ as his Savior. He has grown strong in the faith through a constant study of God's Word. No book in the Holy Writ was ever too forbiddingly abstruse to discourage his search after God's message. One man, outside of the Southern Methodist ministry, has, above all means, been the instrument in God's hands to enable him to discern wonderful things out of God's Word, and that man is William R. Newell, of the Moody Bible Institute, who three years ago conducted the most wonderful Bible class, numbering twelve hundred, ever seen in the City of St. Louis. His education was received at the Divoll Grammar School, the St. Louis High School, Washington University, and the St. Louis Law School, graduating from the last named institution with the degree of L. L. B. in 1898, since which time he has been actively engaged in the practice of law, and later, during the last five years, has been editor-in-chief of the Central Law Journal, the largest law periodical in the United States. He was married to Miss Katherine Gundelfinger February 26th, 1903, and they have one daughter, Mary Anna Robbins, aged three years.

REV. ROBERT LEE RUSSELL.

Go forward unto the Realm which stretches before you; climb
The highest mountains you can reach, and plant a Cross there.
Dr. John G. Holland.



Rev. Robert Lee Russell was born on a farm in Gibson County, Tennessee, January 13, 1869. He is a son of S. H. Russell and Dollie A. Russell, both of whom are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Poplar Grove church, near where he was born, in August, 1883, under the ministry of Rev. B. F. Peeples, a member of the Memphis Conference, and joined the church at that time. Though young, he was a penitent for several days, his sins seeming very great to him. His conversion was so clear and unmistakable that he has never had a doubt about it. He felt from his conversion his call to the ministry, and struggled for four years against it. His progress since the day he yielded himself to this service has been greater, and he knows that he has a stronger will to do His will, and to live only for the good of good men and the glory of God. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Bradford Circuit of the Memphis Conference October 13th, 1888; Rev. Richard West, preacher in charge, and Rev. A. R. Wilson, D. D., Presiding Elder. The Quarterly Conference of Morley and Benton charge, St. Louis Conference, in 1892, recommended him to the Annual Conference; he was received on trial into the Annual Conference in 1892; Rev. J. T. Kendall, Presiding Elder, and Bishop C. B. Galloway, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway in 1892, at Kirkwood, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson at Charleston, Missouri, in 1896. He has filled the following appointments: Supply at Benton Station, for summer of 1892; joined Conference and was returned to Benton, for 1892-1893; Thayer Station, 1893-1895; West Plains Station, 1895-1898; Cape Girardeau, 1898-1899; Charleston, 1899-1902; Poplar Bluff District, 1902-1903; Kirkwood, 1903-1906; First Church, St. Louis, 1906, where he is at present located. About seven hundred persons have been received into the church under his ministry. He attended an Academy at Rutherford, Tennessee, a Vanderbilt Training School at Henderson, Tennessee, and the Southern Normal of Huntingdon, Tennessee. He was married to Miss Inez Leftwich, May 2nd, 1894. He thinks the most important crisis in his life, after his conversion, was when, on a hot August day between the rows of corn, after a long struggle, he decided to give himself to the ministry.

REV. JOSEPHUS STEPHAN.

He plucks the fruit, and eats, and feasts, and luxuriates, in the Fullness of Eternal Life.—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. Josephus Stephan, son of George M. Stephan and Felicite F. Stephan, was born February 26th, 1860, at Madison, Indiana, but reared from infancy in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where the family moved in 1860. His father was brought up in the German Reformed Church, and his mother in the Roman Catholic Church. His parents were married in both churches, and every child was baptized in the Roman Catholic church, but his mother becoming angry at a remark made by a priest from the altar, renounced her allegiance to the Catholic church and this was the means of the whole family becoming Methodists. He was converted in January, 1877, at Houston, Texas, under the ministry of Rev. R. T. Nabors, and joined the church at that time. From earliest childhood he had convictions and great faith in all the facts of Christianity. He was very sincere in his desire to be saved, but had the wrong conception of the conditions of salvation. From the beginning of his Christian life he put himself in the attitude of consecration, having a great struggle to be willing to preach, and soon after to go to a foreign mission field, to which he offered himself and was accepted by the board. But not till May 14th, 1891, did he enter into the true significance of consecration, and through it to find that it is possible in this life to obtain perfect love. For fifteen years he has been living in unbroken consciousness of this blessing, and has found it to be the condition of joy and liberty in Christian service and of growth in knowledge and character. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Shearn Memorial Church, October 7th, 1878; Rev. R. T. Nabors, pastor, and Rev. B. D. Dashield, Presiding Elder, in Houston, Texas; recommended to the Tennessee Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of Elm Street Church, Nashville, Tennessee, while a student at Vanderbilt University, and the year of his graduation, in the fall of 1883; admitted at Shelbyville, Tennessee, October 16th, 1883; Rev. R. K. Brown, Presiding Elder, and Bishop George F. Pierce, presiding; ordained local Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener at Franklin, Tennessee, October 22nd, 1882; ordained Elder by Bishop H. N. McTyeire, December 6th, 1885, at Austin, Texas. Appointments served: November 18th, to October, 1883, junior preacher on Stone's River Circuit, with Jeremiah Cullom, senior, as supply (carried on studies at Vanderbilt at same time); transferred to St. Louis Conference, November 15th, 1883, Caledonia, Missouri, Station, one year; transferred to Texas Conference and appointed to the Franklin Circuit, December 9th, 1884; transferred to St. Louis Conference, December 7th, 1885; and stationed at Bonne Terre, where he remained three years; September, 1888, Marvin Chapel, St. Louis, and remained three years; September, 1891, Festus, Missouri, remained two years; October, 1893, Farmington, Missouri, two years; September, 1895, DeSoto, Missouri, four years; September, 1899, Mount Auburn, St. Louis, four years; September, 1903, Marvin Memorial, St. Louis, three years; September, 1906, Shaw Avenue, St. Louis, where he is now serving his first year. During his ministry he has received into the church seventeen hundred and fifty persons, and at least fifteen hundred and sixty conversions.



DR. JOHN W. VAUGHAN.

DR. JOHN W. VAUGHAN, PH.B., M. D.

To confide in God, well assured that every fact will ultimately
Appear as a witness for His Glory.—*Bishop Marvin.*

Dr. John W. Vaughan was born in St. Louis County, Missouri, in 1857. He is a son of William Russell Vaughan and Harriet Newell Vaughan, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His mother was originally a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was converted at Marvin camp ground in 1869, under the ministry of Bishop Marvin, and joined the church that same year at Bridgeton, St. Louis County, Missouri. It was the last night of the meeting, and Bishop Marvin preached from the text, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Dr. Vaughan has made steady growth in the divine life, and he believes in growing by working. He attended Bridgeton Academy, and University of Vienna. He graduated from Central College and the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. Vaughan is one of the leading physicians of St. Louis. He was married to Miss Bessie Farris Walsh, of Austin, Texas, May 30th, 1900. They have one little daughter, Harriet Vaughan. Dr. Vaughan says that possibly the most important event in his life was his association with Dr. John C. Wills, President of Central College. Dr. Vaughan's influence in College was most wholesome, and he led many young men to Christ. He is one of the Curators of Central College, Fayette, Missouri, and is Treasurer of the Board of Education of the St. Louis Conference. As a member of the General Conference, 1906, he was an active member of the Sunday School and Educational Committees. He was the author and formed in detail the resolutions which the General Conference passed establishing the Vanderbilt Commission, which was given authority to settle the many vexed questions relative to Vanderbilt University. Dr. Vaughan is Chairman of the Board of Stewards of Cook Avenue Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

REV. JOHN SCORE, A. M.

We ourselves must be transfigured to constantly behold our Transfigured and glorified Lord.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev. Arthur Mather, D. D.



The subject of this sketch first saw the light of day in the City of Skien, Norway, on the 18th day of June, 1865.

His father was the late Bishop Johannes Nilsson Skaar, late Metropolitan of the Lutheran Church in Norway; and his mother's name before her marriage was Cynthia Pauline Vilhelmine Hansen.

Brother Score was born and reared in parsonages of the Lutheran Church in his native country, and after his father's elevation to the Episcopacy, he spent his vacations in the Episcopal residence.

Brother Score was converted at Lutesville, Missouri, 1894, under the ministry of the Rev. J. A. Russell, and the change in his life and experience was of such a character that he says he has never since doubted either his acceptance with God, or his call to the Christian ministry.

He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Lutesville Circuit. He was admitted on trial in St. Louis Annual Conference, and ordained Local Deacon by Bishop Candler on September 25, 1898.

Six years later he was ordained Elder by Bishop Hendrix.

His persistent determination has enabled him to build some magnificent churches in territory that sadly needed the uplifting influences of modern Christianity; and these speak eloquently of his devotion and consecration in the work of the Master whom he serves and loves so well.

The churches at Cousinville, Laflin, Houston, Libertyville, Kinder's Chapel, Caruthersville, Mount Zion, Trinity, Scrugg's Chapel at Valley Park, and last but not least, Manchester, are his monuments, to say nothing of the parsonages at Bertrand, St. Clair and Manchester.

He has received more than seven hundred members into the church.

Brother Score has filled appointments at Lutesville, Garfield, Houston, Libertyville, Bertrand and Morehouse, Caruthersville, Mount Zion, Mount Zion and Manchester, Manchester and Valley Park, Manchester and Trinity, and Manchester. He is an A. M. Graduate of the Royal Frederick University of Christiana, Norway, from which seat of learning his distinguished father, and elder brothers preceded him.

Brother Score was happily married on the 14th of July, 1895, to Miss Katie M. Ebrecht, of Farmington, Missouri, the ceremony being performed by his spiritual father, the Rev. J. A. Russell, the affection and esteem for whom is shown in the name of their only son, Johannes Nilsson Russell Score.

The Missionary Conference held at New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1901, was an important factor in determining Brother Score "to spend and be spent" in the service, not only of the heathen abroad, but of the vast number of foreign-born citizens of our great country, and of the "stranger that is within our gates."

REV. WILLIAM ALPHEUS SWIFT.

Thrice blest whose lives are faithful prayers; whose loves in Higher love endure.—*Tennyson.*



Rev. William Alpheus Swift, son of Thomas F. Swift and Dollie Swift, both members of the Presbyterian Church, was born in Calloway County, Kentucky, in 1872. He was converted in 1886 at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, Kentucky, under the ministry of Rev. P. H. Fields, and joined the Church at that time. He went to church with the purpose of listening to a preacher whom his mother had often spoken of with the highest esteem, and felt that he must have Christ then, and never stopped until he had found Him. As he progressed in the Christian life, he found his soul longed for still a richer experience — consecration, faith and works—and God is answering his prayer. He was licensed to preach in 1891 by the Quarterly Conference of Farmington Circuit, Memphis Annual Conference; Rev. W. J. Carlton, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. M. Spence, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Waverly District Conference of Illinois in May, 1895; received into the Annual Conference in 1895; Rev. J. D. Brooks, Presiding Elder, and Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald in 1895, at Clay City, Illinois; ordained Elder by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald in 1899, at Clay City, Illinois. Appointments filled: Glen Carbon, Illinois; Alhambra and Glen Carbon, Illinois; Sherman and Glenarm, Illinois; DeSoto, Illinois, Circuit; St. Clair Station, Missouri; Marion Station, Illinois. Presiding Elder Gosport District, Illinois; Tabernacle and Charleston, Memphis Conference; Little Rock, Arkansas. Between one thousand and twelve hundred persons have united with the Church under his ministry. Two churches in the Illinois Conference, one in the Memphis Conference and one at Little Rock, are the churches that have been built under his pastorates. He received his education at Farmington Institute and West Kentucky Normal College. He considers his conversion as possibly the most important crisis in his life. Wesley's, Moody's, Talmage's and Sam P. Jones' Sermons have been some of the books that have greatly helped him, aside from the Bible, in his religious life. He believes the Christian College, if thoroughly religious, a very good thing for the Church and State.

REV. S. H. WERLEIN, D.D.

The Foundation of all human Excellence must be laid deep in The Blood of the Redeemer's Cross, and in the power of His Resurrection.—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*



Rev. S. H. Werlein was born in Clinton, Mississippi. His parents, Philip P. Werlein and Margaret Halsey Werlein were the proprietors and managers of a Female Academy at Clinton, Mississippi. After a brief residence in Mississippi, the family moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, where the subject of this sketch spent his boyhood and early manhood. He united with Felicity Street Church under the pastorate of the late Dr. Linus Parker, afterwards Bishop. Here he met some of the choicest spirits of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. After his graduation at Emory and Henry College, Virginia, of which Dr. E. E. Wiley was president, he yielded to a call to the ministry and spent two and one-half years at Drew Theological Seminary. He often visited New York City and Brooklyn and heard a number of the great pulpit orators of these great centers of population, and preached in a number of the churches of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was his good fortune while a student at Drew to become acquainted with some of the leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the kindness and hospitality extended to the student from the South remain a green spot in his memory to this day. In 1876 he returned to Louisiana and served as pastor of the church in Algiers, and later Louisiana Avenue, in New Orleans proper. From 1879 to 1883 he was the pastor of the Charles Shearn Memorial Church in Houston, Texas, which church building was constructed during his pastorate. Returning to New Orleans, one year was spent as pastor of Louisiana Avenue Church, where he inaugurated the construction of a new church, and after three years at Felicity Street Church and the rebuilding of that edifice destroyed by fire, he was transferred to Lafayette Park Church, at St. Louis. During a residence of ten and one-half years in St. Louis, more than seven years were devoted to Lafayette Park Church, two to Centenary and one year to the Presiding Eldership. St. Louis became very much endeared to him, and he left that great metropolis with genuine regret. Three years followed at Kansas City. First Church at Fort Worth, Texas, was his next field of labor, followed by a most pleasant pastorate at Austin, Texas, where he is now spending his fourth and last year. In 1898, while a member of the St. Louis Conference, he was elected as a delegate to the General Conference held at Baltimore. His zeal in the Master's work is unabated, and he expects to devote his entire life to the work of the itinerant ministry. He expects to have no other home in this world than a Methodist parsonage, and trusts when the time comes for labor to cease, that mortal life may at the same time end. His one thought is to make full proof of his ministry and lead many others to Christ. In 1878 he was married to Miss Leila Ewing, of Louisiana, and to them were born six sons, five of them still living.

REV. LUTHER EDWARD TODD, A.B.

The grandest characters, purest in faith, noblest in life, Attempting and accomplishing greatest things for God, are those Who grapple with the hardest problems of every day.—*Bishop Galloway.*



Rev. Luther Edward Todd was born September 16th, 1874, at New Franklin, Missouri. He is a son of Theodore H. Todd and Cordelia B. Todd, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1884, at New Franklin, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. J. H. Hager, and joined the Church at that time. There was nothing very strange or unusual about his conversion, but he does know that he was saved. He has experienced a very perceptible growth in grace since the time of his conversion, and has now a clearer and better understanding of the things of God, and a more perfect love toward God and man. He was licensed to preach in April, 1897; Rev. F. Marvin, D.D., pastor, and Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, Presiding Elder. The Fayette District Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in April, 1897. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Granbery, at Fulton, Missouri, September 16th, 1900; ordained Elder by Bishop Wilson at Chillicothe, Missouri. Brother Todd has served the following appointments: Fulton Circuit, as supply, one year; Hundley Church, St. Joseph, four years; First Church, St. Louis, Missouri, three years; he is now serving Lafayette Park Church, at St. Louis. About eleven hundred and twenty-three persons have been converted and taken into the Church under his ministry. Under his pastorates the following churches and parsonages were built: Hyde Park Church, St. Joseph; repaired Hundley Church, St. Joseph; repaired First Church, St. Louis, $6,000, and built parsonage at First Church, St. Louis, $6,000. His education was received at the public school of New Franklin, Missouri, at Central College for five years, from which he was graduated with the degree of A.B., and at Vanderbilt University. He was married September 17th, 1901, to Miss Margaret Lee Wheeler, of St. Joseph, Missouri, and two children have been born to them, to-wit, Mary Elizabeth Todd and Virginia Lee Todd. He thinks the most important crisis in his life was the fight he had to surrender to the call to preach. Dr. Todd is gifted as a revivalist, and he organizes his Church to the best advantage. He preaches unto the edification of his people.

REV. ALBERT T. TIDWELL.

The more of Holliness the saved soul possesses, the more of Happiness will Heaven yield to him.—*Dean Tillett.*



The Rev. Albert T. Tidwell was born in Madison County, Mississippi, October 7th, 1845. The Presbyterians offered him help in his preparation for the ministry, conditioned on his entering the Presbyterian ministry. He declined the offer, as he believed the doctrines of the Methodist Church, and preferred to work his way through College and remain a Methodist, rather than accept help at the cost of his convictions. He joined the Mississippi Conference in December, 1873, at Branton, Mississippi; Bishop Wightman ordained him Deacon at this Conference and he was appointed to the Sharon Circuit. He was sent to Grove Street Mission, Vicksburg, by Bishop Paine. His Presiding Elder, Dr. F. M. Featherstone, released him from this charge, and in October he entered Vanderbilt University. His health soon failed, he accepted work in the St. Louis Conference, and was assigned to the Washington Circuit by Rev. John E. Godbey, D.D., Presiding Elder of the Salem District. In 1875 he was transferred to the St. Louis Conference, and was appointed by Bishop McTyeire to Mt. Olive Circuit in St. Louis District. He served this charge four years. During this pastorate, he married Miss Fannie Evelyn Matson. From Mt. Olive Circuit he was sent to the Labaddie Circuit. At the session of the Conference in 1880, at Salem, Missouri, he was ordained Elder by Bishop Keener; he was sent to Rolla in 1882; Sikeston and Bertrand, three years; Caledonia, two years; Arcadia, two years, when, his health being broken down, he was placed on the superannuated list. Soon after this he obtained work with the Children's Home Society of Missouri, as District Superintendent. In September, 1892, he was elected Assistant State Superintendent and held that relation till May, 1901. Having adopted the well known Methodist motto, "Never be unemployed and never be trifflingly employed," he worked up to the limit of his strength. He never had a doubt as to the truth of the Bible and he began to seek religion when a young child, but could not rust God's precious words, and the blessing of salvation was long delayed. So gradual was the change that he could never tell just when he became a child of God, but the witness of the spirit was given and for many years there was not a day but His presence was felt. In 1891 he felt that he must settle the question of sanctification, which he did to his entire satisfaction. He had seen almost from the time of accepting Jesus as his Saviour that there was a satisfying portion offered in the Bible which he did not have. In June of 1891, this satisfaction was given, and since then his experience has been on a higher plane. His mother died in her eighty-fourth year. Her beautiful life and her sweet testimony to the love of God, forever fixed in his mind the truth of experimental religion. He has often said, "Under God, I owe all to my mother."

REV. JAMES ELBERT WOODWARD.

The marvelous fabric the social loom was set to weaving is Man.
—*Dr. James W. Lee.*



Rev. James Elbert Woodward, son of William Woodward and Delila Gower Woodward, was born in Nashville, Tennessee, August 20th, 1867. Converted at thirteen years of age, he became a member of Elm Street Methodist Church, under the pastorate of Dr. R. K. Brown. After receiving his education in his native city, Mr. Woodward engaged in the mercantile business as salesman until October, 1894, when he was received into the Tennessee Conference at Franklin. He was granted a license to preach by Tulip Street Quarterly Conference, December 11th, 1893, consequently being in the local ranks less than one year when admitted into the traveling connection. In December, 1890, Mr. Woodward was elected the first Epworth League President of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This league being organized by Dr. W. G. E. Cunningham, at Tulip Street Church, on the evening of the day the Sunday School Board planned and named the League. He was President of the Epworth League Conference of Nashville, which place he resigned to enter the work of the ministry. From childhood, Mr. Woodward had felt a desire to become a Methodist preacher, and this call was realized more fully when, at the age of fifteen, he bade good-bye to his Sunday School teacher, Miss Kate Roberts, who went as a Missionary to China. He received much instruction from his pastors and other godly men, as Dr. R. K. Brown, Rev. J. P. McFerrin, Rev. J. B. Erwin, Rev. Lewis Powell, Rev. T. B. Fisher, Rev. J. T. Curry, and others. His first appointment was Wartrace Circuit, where in his two years' pastorate he received more than two hundred souls into the Church. At the end of this term he was transferred to the Illinois Conference, where three years of hard work were given, but the happy results linger as a precious memory. In the fall of 1899, Dr. J. W. Lee, Presiding Elder of the St. Louis District, invited Mr. Woodward to come to the St. Louis Conference. The transfer was made by Bishop Granbery and three years were spent in charge of Bridgeton Station, a pleasant suburb of St. Louis. The next year, 1902, he was appointed to St. Clair Station, in the Washington District, with Rev. W. R. Mays, Presiding Elder. This proved to be a most successful year, but owing to family affliction, Mr. Woodward was advised to transfer back to Tennessee, his native climate. He was appointed then to McEwen, Tennessee, where he completed and dedicated an unfinished church, and the next fall was sent to his present station, Erin, at which place he completed and dedicated a beautiful church building, and in which pastorate he is now serving his third year. While stationed in St. Louis, Mr. Woodward, with Mr. W. M. Sloan, a prominent Methodist layman, organized in the slum district of the city what is known as "Sloan Mission," which is now a flourishing and self-supporting church. This work was prompted by Dr. W. F. McMurry, the Presiding Elder.



MRS. EMELINE GIST BOYLE.

By Rev. J. H. Young, D.D.

I esteem it a sacred privilege to be permitted to speak at this time a few words of loving appreciation of one of the saintliest characters that ever lived. And yet I do it with many misgivings, for I am only too conscious that this life which has been passed among us was in its inspirations and conscious attainments so far above my own experience that both ideas and words fail me in giving it adequate interpretation. Sister Boyle lived upon a plane so far above ordinary Christian experiences, and in such constant and intimate communion with her Lord, that I feel I can speak of her only from the standpoint of one who views from a distance. I am sure, then, I shall have the sympathy of these loving friends before me, who with me have often knelt at the feet of our sainted sister and felt the same sense of their littleness and unworthiness in the presence of a life so pure and exalted.

Mrs. Emeline Gist Boyle was born in Baltimore in 1813. She was a descendant of Christopher Gist, who came to Maryland from England in 1682. During her infancy, her father, Colonel Cornelius Howard Gist, moved from Baltimore with his family to his plantation in Brooke County, Virginia. In 1836 she was married to Rev. Joseph Boyle. Six years later she came with her husband to St. Louis, he having been assigned to the pastorate of Fourth Street Church, then located at the corner of Fourth and Washington Avenue. Always a most effective aid to her husband, she served, in turn, Centenary, First Church, St. John's, Boonville, Independence and Jefferson City Churches, as well as the larger work of the St. Louis District. Thus for sixty-five years Sister Boyle has been prominently identified with Missouri Methodism most of the time in St. Louis. Always an active servant of the Master -even to the day of her passing away—only eternity can reveal the glorious results of her ministry in our community.



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This is one of the great churches of Methodism. Many noble pastors have labored here. Here Rev. W. F. McMurry, D.D., received over two thousand people into the Church during his four years' pastorate.

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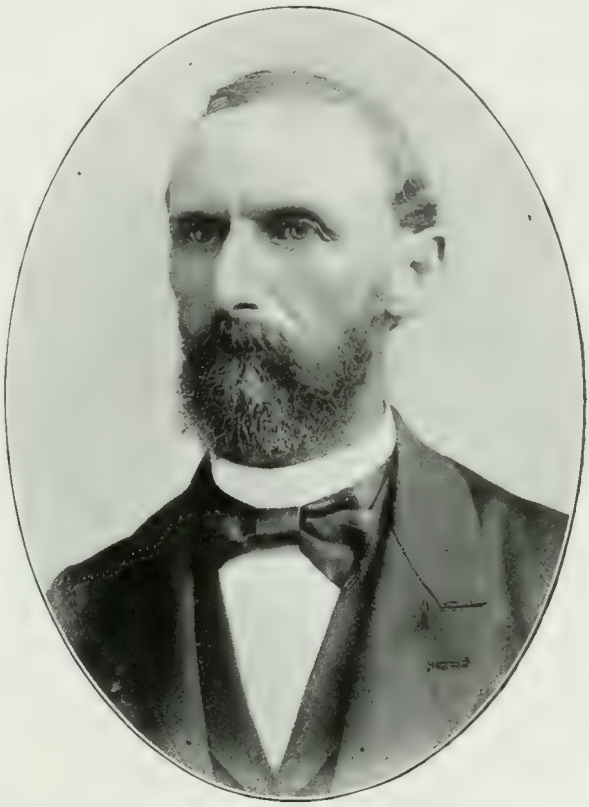
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Festus Sta.....W. J. Velvick
Fenton and Valley Park..T. M. Patterson
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Labaddie Ct.....A. E. Carson
Manchester Sta.....John Score
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New Haven Sta.....E. J. Rinkel
Plattin Ct.....Sup. by Jasper N. Sitton
Red Bird Ct.....Sup. by E. M. Rowe
Salem Sta.....M. H. Markley
Salem Ct.....D. R. Davis
Steelville Sta.....F. R. Poage
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St. James Sta.....Sup. by H. S. Dubois
St. Clair Sta.....C. D. Evans
Washington Sta.....William Lowe

REV. JAMES R. A. VAUGHAN, A.M.

The eternal calm of an invulnerable Faith;
The repose of a heart set deep in God.—*Drummond.*



Rev. James R. A. Vaughan, son of William R. and Harriet N. Vaughan, was born December 8th, 1850, near Bridgeton, Missouri. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He joined the Church at Eden Chapel, St. Louis Circuit, under the ministry of Rev. Joseph W. Lewis, D.D., and Rev. Wesley Browning, in February, 1864. He was converted within the next two or three years, but the time is not well marked. After he had been several years a member of the Church and regular in attendance upon the means of grace, being much concerned about his real condition, he put the whole case into the hands of God, and felt that whether lost or saved, the responsibility was now with Him, and with that he had the beginning of a peace that has continued and increased. From the time of settling the call to the ministry, when about eighteen years old, he grew stronger and had many periods of spiritual joy. When he had been twenty-two years in the ministry he saw with a new and clear light that the baptism of the Holy Ghost was a mightier experience than he had yet known. Almost at once, with deep searchings, he made the consecration to receive the Spirit. That date is even more definite than his conversion, and from that time his experience became fuller and richer, and his usefulness greatly enlarged. He was licensed to preach in December, 1871, by the Quarterly Conference of Fayette Station; Rev. J. H. Ledbetter, preacher in charge, and Rev. William Penn, Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference by the same Quarterly Conference in June, 1873; received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1873, at Carrollton, Missouri; Bishop W. M. Wightman, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Keener, October 10th, 1875, at Glasgow, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop David S. Doggett, September 15th, 1878, at Macon, Missouri. Appointments served are: Arch Street, Hannibal, Missouri, 1873-1875; Kirksville Circuit, 1875-1876; Macon Station, 1876-1877; Fayette Station, 1877-1881; Colorado Springs, Denver Conference, 1881-1883; Las Vegas Station, and President Seminary, 1883-1884; Trinidad Station, 1884-1886; Shelbina Circuit, 1886-1887; Palmyra Station, 1887-1889; Hannibal District, 1889-1891; Chillicothe Station, 1891-1892; Brunswick Station, 1892-1894; Fayette District, 1894-1898; Fulton Station, 1898-1899; Louisiana Station, 1899-1900; Kirkwood Station, 1900-1901; Farmington District, 1901-1905; DeSoto District, 1905. The church at Kirksville was built and one at Lakenan bought, the Palmyra church rebuilt, and the parsonage at Colorado Springs built, during his pastorate at those places. He received his education at Bridgeton Academy, and Central College, from which he graduated in 1873, with the degree of A.M. He was married to Miss Martha Winn, January 11th, 1877, and they have four children—Mary, Russell, Arthur and Helen. The most effective factor in shaping his life was the fact that his father's house was always the home of the Methodist pastors who visited there almost every week, and not less was his subsequent course at Central College under the teaching and ministry of Dr. John C. Wills, Dr. Wesley G. Miller, Prof. F. X. Forster and Prof. O. H. P. Corprew, and the association with an earnest student body. In his early Christian life, important factors in his conviction and conversion were Baxter's "Call to the Unconverted," "Saints' Rest," and Abbott's "Young Christian."

REV. WILLIAM AUSTIN HUMPHREYS.

It is a divine thing to lift human associations and sympathies
To the heavenly places and shape them, after their true and
Original intent.—*Bishop Wilson.*



Rev. William Austin Humphreys, son of William W. Humphreys and Emma Humphreys, was born near Bertrand, Missouri, January 20th, 1867. He was converted at a revival meeting at Bertrand, Missouri, in 1881, under the ministry of Rev. I. L. Spencer, and united with the Church at the same time and place. His sister was converted first and went to him and led him to the altar, where he soon found the light. The first few years of his Christian life were spent without making any perceptible development in the Christian graces, but when about nineteen years of age he began to realize something of the responsibilities of a Christian, and has been an active worker in the Church since that time. His growth in grace has been gradual, but constant, and at the time of his surrender to enter the ministry, he experienced a wonderful uplift. He was licensed to preach May 14th, 1894, by the Quarterly Conference of Charleston, Missouri; Rev. J. L. Batten was pastor, and Rev. M. H. Moore, D.D., Presiding Elder. The same Quarterly Conference recommended him for admission on trial into the Annual Conference, September 22nd, 1894; received on trial into the St. Louis Conference in 1894; Rev. M. H. Moore, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, October 4th, 1896, at Charlston, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop W. A. Chandler, September 25th, 1898, at DeSoto, Missouri. He has served the following charges: Centerville Circuit, 1894-1896; Piedmont Circuit, 1896-1898; Dexter Circuit, 1898-1900; Arcadia Station, 1900-1903; Festus Station, 1903-1905; DeSoto Station, where he is now serving his second year. Five hundred and thirty-eight persons have united with the Church under his ministry. He received his education in the public schools of Mississippi County, in the High School at Cairo, Illinois, and in Bryant and Stratton's Business College, in St. Louis. He was married the first time to Miss Ruth Logan, April 6th, 1892, who died October 4th, 1902. He was married again to Miss Edith Copeland, November 3rd, 1904, and has one child, Jessie Ruth Humphreys. He looks upon his call to the ministry, especially the struggle he had before surrendering to enter the work, as being the most important crisis in his life. Some of the books that have greatly helped him, aside from the Bible, are "Wesley's Sermons and Life," "Life of Moody," "The New Era," by Strong; "The New Citizenship," by Samuel Z. Batten; "Quiet Talks on Power," by Gordon; "Gold Foil," by J. G. Holland; Doddridge's "Rise and Progress," and Hall's "Scripture History." He believes the higher education of the young men and women of today is the work of the Church and not the state.

REV. JOHN RANDALL KINCAID.

Outward goodness is the fruit of inward grace.—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. John Randall Kincaid, son of John F. Kincaid and Mary S. Kincaid, was born March 27th, 1864, in Marion County, Missouri. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He joined the Church at Andrew Chapel, Marion County, Missouri, in the summer of 1878, but was not consciously converted until about seven years later in a meeting held by Rev. S. H Milam. His conversion came very clearly and suddenly after some years of trying to live without God and His grace. He has had a constant growth in grace and a definite and conscious epoch in his religious experience. His understanding of God and His Word was enlarged, his will to do good strengthened, and his love perfected. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Oak Dale on the Hunnewell Circuit in May, 1889; Rev. W. W. McMurry, Presiding Elder, and Rev. C. T. McAnally, preacher in charge; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him for admission on trial. He was received into the Annual Conference on trial at Montgomery City, in 1892; Rev. John Anderson, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop C. B. Galloway, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Haygood at Monroe City, in September, 1893; ordained Elder by Bishop Galloway in September, 1896, at Hannibal, Missouri. Appointments served: Braymer, Harris, Green Castle, Monroe City, Wayland, Lakenan, DeSoto Circuit. One hundred and sixty-eight persons have been added to the Church during the years of his ministry. The following churches were built while he was pastor: "Elmwood," in Sullivan County; Providence, Adair County; and Wayland, Clark County. He received his education at the public schools, and at Centenary Academy, Palmyra, Missouri. He was married to Miss Rose Rich, November 23rd, 1897, and they have one child, Randall Rich Kincaid. Possibly the mose important crisis in his life was when he decided to turn his back on the world and live for God. The crisis came after his conversion, when he began to doubt if, after all, there was anything in religion, or if it were all a delusion. He decided that for him he would serve the Lord, and soon thereafter answered the call to enter the ministry. Watson's Institutes, "The Man of Gallilee," "Making of a Man," and "The Spirit Filled Life" have been some of the books that have greatly helped him, aside from the Bible, in his religious life.

REV. WILLIAM LOWE.

I soar sublime above earth's dust and care
And wing my way to Heaven with flight divine.
—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*

Rev. William Lowe was born in Bakewell, Derbyshire, England, and came to this country in 1854. His father and grandfather were both Methodist preachers. Brother William Lowe became a member of the Methodist Church in England when a boy. He was licensed to preach by the Bath Circuit, Washington District, of the North Carolina Conference; Rev. W. Closs, D.D., Presiding Elder. He was ordained local Deacon at Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1855, by Bishop Parker. He supplied the Hatteras Mission one year, afterwards Sladesville, two years; and Swan Quarter Circuit, one year; and Columbia Circuit, three years. At the end of the second year at Columbia he was admitted on trial into the North Carolina Conference, and was transferred to the St. Louis Conference in 1889, by Bishop Duncan, and stationed at Dexter, where he remained two years; his next charge was Bertrand, in the Charleston District, where he remained one year. He was ordained Elder at Kirkwood by Bishop Galloway, in 1892, and appointed to Bellefontaine, in the St. Louis District, where he remained four years; New Madrid, one year; Poplar Bluff, two years; Arcadia, one year; again to Dexter, three years; Malden, one year; Lutesville and Marble Hill, one year; his present charge is at Washington, Missouri.



REV. MORSE HAMLIN MARKLEY.

Talent develops itself in solitude;
Character in the stream of life.—*Goethe.*

Rev. Morse Hamlin Markley was born September 2nd, 1872, at Eureka, Missouri. He is a son of Amos B. Markley and Hester E. Markley, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He joined the Church when twelve years of age. Doubtful if he was converted at that time, but it was a step towards God. He was a backslider, although retaining his Church membership, until he was twenty-nine years old, when he was brought into a faith that saved him from his sins and he was accepted of God in November, 1900. On January 27th, 1901, as his wife fell asleep in death, he received sweet consolation and a fulness of the spirit of God that has been an abiding presence ever since. He was licensed to preach May 18th, 1905, by the District Conference held at Eureka, Missouri; Rev. W. R. Mays, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Rev. L. F. Nichol, preacher in charge; recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Washington District Conference, May 18th, 1905; received into the Annual Conference on trial at Caruthersville, Missouri, September 20th, 1905; Rev. W. R. Mays, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding. Appointments filled: St. Louis Conference, Eureka Circuit, junior preacher; Bethel and Mt. Carmel; March 1st, 1905, to September 20th, 1905; September 20th, 1905, to September 20th, 1906, same charges; now at Salem Station, Dent County, Missouri, St. Louis Conference. Seventeen persons have been received into the Church under his ministry to date. The Mt. Carmel church was partly built, and the Bethel parsonage built under his pastorate. He was married to Miss Katherine King, June 13th, 1894, and they have two children, Wilson Allen Markley and Katherine Mary Markley. The most important crisis in his life was possibly the death of his wife, when he was brought into complete surrender to God, perfect love to God and man. Wesley's Sermons, Murray's "Ministry of Intercession," Bound's "Preacher and Prayer," and Watson's Institutes are some of the books that have been most helpful to him, aside from the Bible.

REV. CHARLTON DUVAL EVANS.

Revelation is made, not to satisfy human desire for knowledge,
To elevate and enlarge the intellectual capabilities of men, but
That the World might be saved.—*Bishop Wilson.*

Rev. Charlton Duval Evans, son of G. W. Evans and V. A. Evans, was born March 25th, 1872, in Sardis, Mississippi. He was converted when about sixteen years old, but cannot indicate exactly the time or place when his conversion occurred. His mother's teaching and example impressed him from early childhood, and it was her influence and that of his Sunday School teacher that was instrumental in leading him to Christ. His growth in grace has been rather slow, oftimes retarded, and he yet feels the need of a greater outpouring of the Spirit. He was licensed to preach June 1st, 1895, by the Memphis District Conference, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. H. C. Johnson, preacher in charge, and Dr. W. C. Johnson, Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Memphis District Conference in June, 1898; received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1898; Rev. G. B. Baskerville, Presiding Elder, and E. R. Hendrix, Bishop; ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler, November 19th, 1899, at Brownsville, Texas; ordained Elder by Bishop Joseph S. Key, November 20th, 1904, at Jackson, Tennessee. Appointments served: In Memphis Conference, Belmont Circuit, 1898-1899; Crystal Mission, 1899-1900; Newbern Mission, 1902-1903; New Castle Circuit, 1903-1904; Flatwoods Circuit, 1904-1905; St. Louis Conference, St. James Station, 1905-1906; St. Clair Station, 1906. He has received two hundred and five persons into the Church under his ministry. His education was received at the public school in Memphis, Tennessee, four years at McTyeire Institute, McKenzie, Tennessee, and two years at Vanderbilt University. Some of the books, aside from the Bible, that have helped him most, are "McTyeire's History of Methodism," "The Man of Gallilee," "Life of John B. McFerrin," Deems' "Gospel of Spiritual Insight," and "Gospel of Common Sense."

REV. DAVID R. DAVIS.

He only can come into the promised Inheritance of a rich, Victorious life who walks by day under the pillar of cloud, and Rests by night under the pillar of fire.—*Bishop Candler.*



Rev. David R. Davis was born December 19th, 1873, at Columbus, Kentucky. He is a son of William T. Davis and Addie Davis; his mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Waterloo, Illinois, under the ministry of Rev. Yingst, on January 24th, 1894, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Waterloo, but moved his membership when he returned South in 1897. He had been taught to believe that he was to be a preacher, and his conversion came about when he felt he was a sinner. His was a very clear and conscious conversion, and from that time to the present he has tried to live it. His Christian growth came through being active in all church work, that is, League work, Sunday School and prayer meeting, and he seemed to grow spiritually as a cultivated plant; the more prayer and study, the more growth. He was licensed to preach by the District Conference held at Elvins, Missouri, May 7th, 1906; Rev. H. R. Singleton, Presiding Elder. He was an exhorter and had charge, as supply, of Mineral Point Circuit since October, 1905. The same District Conference at the same time recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and he was received on trial into the Annual Conference in 1906; Rev. H. R. Singleton, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Key, presiding. Brother Davis served Mineral Point Circuit one year, and is now on the Salem Circuit. He has received about sixty-three persons into the church during the time he has been preaching, and is now building a church at Anutt, his present charge, also a parsonage at Salem, Missouri. He received his education in the public schools of Memphis, Tennessee, but was forced to quit school before graduation on account of his eyes. He studied for the ministry under the Rev. John Score. He was married to Miss Fannie Gable, April 20th, 1898, and she died, January 26th, 1906. Two little girls were born to them, Georgia Davis and Elexandra Davis, both of whom are now dead. Brother Davis was brought very low, and yet very near to God, in the loss of his family, all within a very few months, and he thinks this is possibly the greatest crisis in his life. Some books which have helped him most, aside from the Bible, are "Wesley's Sermons," "Fletcher's Appeal," "The Book Opened," "Wason's Institutes," and "McNeil's Sermons."

REV. AMOS EDGAR CARSON.

Every promise of the soul has innumerable fulfilments.—*Emerson.*



Rev. Amos Edgar Carson was born November 14th, 1869, at Quincy, Franklin County, Pennsylvania. His father, Richard B. Carson, and mother, Susan S. Carson, in their early days belonged to the Quaker Church, but when they moved to Ohio in 1880, they united with the Methodist Church. He was converted when thirteen years old under the ministry of Rev. James Burney, assisted by Rev. George Slusher, a few miles north of Wooster, and joined the church in January, 1882. He had gone to the mourner's bench at the invitation of his brother, and while his father and the local preacher were talking to him, the light broke through and he stood up and testified. His growth in grace has been steady and constant, and is due to a great extent to the fact that he never missed the class meetings and always took part in the family worship. He was licensed to preach at Centerville, Tennessee, by the Dickson District Conference May 15th, 1896; Rev. Gardner Moody preacher in charge, and Rev. R. R. Jones, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Macon District Conference May 20th, 1902; the following fall he was admitted on trial into the Annual Conference at Chillicothe, Missouri; Rev. O. B. Holliday, Presiding Elder, and Bishop A. W. Wilson, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Granbery September 23rd, 1900, at the old St. John's Church, St. Louis; ordained Elder at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, September 23rd, 1906, by Bishop Joseph S. Key. As a supply he served the Houston Circuit, Tennessee Conference, one year, 1896-1897; Richwoods Circuit, 1899-1900; after being admitted on trial he served the following: Fairdealing Circuit, 1902-1903; Dexter Station, 1903-1905; Labadie, which is his present charge. He has received three hundred and forty persons into the church during the years of his ministry. While at Dexter, Missouri, he raised the money for the new church, and bought the parsonage at Labadie. He obtained his education at the public schools and Central College, Fayette, Missouri. He was married to Miss Kitty O. Cary December 22nd, 1903, and they have two children, Cary Richard Carson and Susie Elizabeth Carson. He considers his conversion the important crisis of his life, for he knew it would settle the call to preach. Some of the books that have helped him most are "Pilgrim's Progress," "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," and "The Royal Path of Life."



MR. NATHAN LIPSCOMB SMITH.

Spiritual existences must discern spiritual things.
—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*

By Rev. A. Edgar Carson.

Mr. Nathan Lipscomb Smith was born in Louisa County, Virginia, May 29th, 1814. He came to Missouri in 1837, and lived for many years in the home of Mrs. Nancy M. North, founder of Methodism in Franklin County. His father's name was Dabney Smith, and his mother was Mrs. Agnes Smith, (nee) Walton. He was married to Miss Martha Ann Adams in 1844. To this union eleven children were born, seven of this number are still living. Their names are as follows: David Lewis Smith, William Price Smith, Alphonso Theodore Smith, Theophilus Smith, Charles Wesley Smith, Thomas Dabney Smith, and James Fletcher Smith. His religious convictions are here portrayed. At the age of eighteen he was converted. A "desire to flee the wrath to come and to be saved from his sins" caused his conversion. And to this day he has been faithful to the voice that called him from darkness to light. He emigrated to Missouri with some friends in 1837. Although he did not join the church till 1871, he was always loyal and true to the cause. For over thirty years he was steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His home was always the preacher's home. He subscribed for the first number of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, and with the exception of a few years, he has been reading it ever since. Several years ago his wife died, and from that time he has been making his home with two of his sons, William and Thomas Smith, near Villa Ridge, Missouri.

REV. WILLIAM JOHN VELVICK.

Make us good men, sound of heart, bright of mind, obedient of Will.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. William John Velvick was born September 12th, 1869, in Kent, England, and came to America in March, 1889, and to St. Louis in 1892. His father, Albert Richard Velvick, was a Wesleyan Methodist, and his mother, Ann Velvick, a Bible Christian Methodist. He was converted May 15th, 1892, at Lafayette Park Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the preaching of Dr. E. B. Chappell, and united with the Church the following Sunday. He was convicted of sin by the reading of church vows being taken by a friend who was uniting with the Church. He went home under deep conviction and resolved to pray in his room, only to get under a heavier burden. That night he was back at church, and knelt in his seat for help to go forward. He went to the altar and the consciousness of his acceptance came as he was leaving church after the service was over. He was licensed to preach September 10th, 1894, by the Quarterly Conference of Lafayette Park Church, St. Louis Annual Conference; Dr. E. B. Chappell, pastor, and Dr. S. H. Werelein, Presiding Elder; he was recommended for admission on trial by the Poplar Bluff District Conference in 1897, and was received on trial into the Annual Conference at Doniphan, Missouri, in September, 1897; Rev. H. M. Eure, Presiding Elder, and Bishop A. W. Wilson, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Candler, September 25th, 1898, at DeSoto, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop Candler, September 22nd, 1901, at Fredericktown, Missouri. He has served the following charges: As supply on the Barnesville Circuit, 1895-1897; Pine Circuit, 1897-1898; Alton and Thomasville, 1898-1900; Elvins Circuit, 1900-1903; Desloge Circuit and Station, 1903-1906; his present charge is Festus, Missouri. He has received about three hundred and twenty into the Church. Several churches and parsonages have been completed and remodeled on the different charges where he has labored; Lee's Chapel completed; Esther Church nearly completed; Leadwood Church built; Elvins parsonage; Festus Church at a cost of $9,000. He attended Belleview Collegiate Institute. He was married to Miss Alpha A. Dickson, December 7th, 1899, and they have two little girls, Gladys Irene Velvick and Marcia Burbridge Velvick. Brother Velvick says that aside from his conversion, he considers the call to the ministry as the most important crisis in his life. Two books which have been especially helpful to him are "McTyeire's History of Methodism" and the "Life of David Brainard."



REV. HARRY L. JENKINSON.

In Heaven we shall know each other as well, and converse with Each other as freely, as we have done with the merry throng of Bright young hearts with whom we have sauntered in the Woodlands.—*Dr. F. B. Meyer.*

Rev. Harry L. Jenkinson was born August 10th, 1870, in Mississippi County, Missouri, and died of typhoid fever in Trinidad, Colorado, August 30th, 1902. He was the son of Henry Jenkinson and Elizabeth Jenkinson. Brother Jenkinson never knew the time when he did not love and serve the Lord. He sometimes said that he thought his conversion must have taken place when he was five years old. At the age of fourteen he joined the Church and was so quickened in his spiritual life as to make that a distinct period in his religious experience. At the age of fifteen he was made a steward by the Quarterly Conference, and the record is that he made an efficient officer. At an early age his father died and left him with his mother and sister to care for. Losing his sister by death, he moved with his mother to Caledonia, the seat of our Conference school, to continue his education. He stood in his studies as he did in other things, easily to the front. Harry Jenkinson was graduated with honors in the first class sent out of Marvin Collegiate Institute. After this he continued his studies for a time in Vanderbilt University. He was received on trial in the St. Louis Annual Conference at its session in Charleston, in 1896; was admitted into full connection and received his ordination in due time. He was ordained Elder by Bishop Granbery at the Conference held in St. John's Church, St. Louis, in 1900. He served our Church with rare acceptability at Festus for four years. While pastor at Festus, December 8th, 1898, he married Miss Hallie Boyce, of Jefferson County, Missouri, a young woman of spirit and character like his own, and to that union there was born one daughter, Nellie Lee Jenkinson. From Festus he was sent to Bonne Terre Station, where he labored most efficiently for one year. Owing to the impaired health of his wife, on the urgent advice of his physicians, Brother Jenkinson asked for a transfer and received the appointment in August, 1901, to Trinidad, Colorado, which he served one year. In Trinidad, just as the Conference year was closing, with the collections in full, he was stricken with typhoid fever, from which he never recovered. While the Denver Conference was in session, ere Bishop Wilson had stationed the preachers, the great Bishop of the Church read Harry L. Jenkinson's appointment to the palace of the King. The funeral services were held at Festus, Missouri, September 2nd, 1902. The audience, increased by friends from Bonne Terre, Missouri, filled and thronged the church. At sunset, in the new addition of the Methodist cemetery, surrounded by a host of friends and fourteen of his brethren of the St. Louis Conference, his body was laid to rest.

REV. LORENZO DOW NICHOL.

Cast forth your lives into the ever living Universe, and God will See to it that they do not perish.—*Bishop Candler.*



Rev. Lorenzo Dow Nichol was born April 24th, 1863, at Licking, Missouri. He is a son of L. A. Nichol and R. E. Nichol, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1877, at Licking, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. Wesley Craven, and joined the Methodist Church at that time. He had faith in Christ and had tried to live a Christian life from a child, but made a public profession at a protracted meeting as stated above. He made little progress in the Christian life until early in the year 1892, when he became interested in, and began to take an active part in a little country Sunday School and prayer meeting. Then his growth in grace and in a knowledge of the things of God was rapid. He was licensed to preach October 29th, 1892, by the Quarterly Conference of Licking Circuit, Washington District; Rev. Thomas Lord, preacher in charge, and Rev. R. J. Green, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of Caledonia Circuit, July 9th, 1894; and was received into the Annual Conference in 1894; Rev. Henry Hanesworth, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson at Charleston, Missouri, October 4th, 1896; was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery at Bonne Terre, Missouri, September 17th, 1899. He has served the following appointments: Desloge Circuit, in Farmington District, 1894-1898; Bismarck Circuit, 1898-1902; Labaddie Circuit, Washington District, 1902-1903; Eureka Circuit, 1903-1906; his present work is on the Eureka and Crescent Circuit. About five hundred and twenty-six persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. Under his pastorates the churches at Elvins and Desloge, in St. Francois County, Missouri, and the parsonage at Bismarck, were built. He received his education at the public school at Licking, Missouri, the High School at Salem, Missouri, and Belleview Collegiate Institute at Caledonia, Missouri. He was married to Miss Emma Belle Simmons March 23rd, 1887, and they have three children—Julia Helen Nichol, Anna Eveline Nichol and Lorenzo Dow Nichol. Some of the books which have been beneficial to him in his Christian life are, "With Christ in the School of Prayer," "Ministry of Intercession," and "Quiet Talks on Prayer." He thinks the Christian College is indispensable to both Church and the State.

REV. FRANKLIN RILEY POAGE.

We must live with Christ to know him; we must love Him to Understand anything He says.—*Dr. Parker.*



Rev. Franklin Riley Poage was born in Nodaway County, Missouri, March 29th, 1879. His father, John Mitchell Poage, was a member of the Baptist church, and his mother, Sarah Amanda Poage, was a member of the Methodist Church. He was converted in the winter of 1894-1895, at a protracted meeting held at a Baptist church seven miles east of Stanberry, Missouri. He joined St. Paul's Methodist Church, South, in St. Louis, Missouri, February 24th, 1901, under the ministry of Rev. Marvin T. Haw. From his earliest childhood he had a desire to serve God and to live to please Him. To him the Christian life has been an unfolding one and grows more and more to a blessed reality. He was licensed to preach April 18th, 1905, by the St. Louis District Conference; Rev. Charles Wesley Webdell, preacher in charge, and Dr. T. E. Sharp, Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the St. Louis District Conference, April 18th, 1905; received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1905; Dr. T. E. Sharp, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, presiding. Appointments filled: Supplied at Cold Water, near St. Louis, during the summer of 1905; appointed to Grand Avenue Church, in St. Louis, September, 1905. The church was not organized; he preached the first sermon at the new place, organized the church and left an organization of sixty members at the end of the Conference year; appointed to Steelville, September, 1906. He obtained his education at the common country schools; graduate of Chillicothe Normal College and Missouri College of Law; member of St. Louis bar, but did not enter the profession. Possibly the most important crisis in his life was when he quit the business world, refusing some desirable positions in professional life, to enter the Methodist ministry. There are two men who have helped him along the way; in education, President Allen Moore, at Chillicothe, Missouri; and in preparing for the ministry, Rev. Charles W. Webdell, then pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, South, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Arcadia Sta.....A. R. Sitton
Belleview and Cedar Grove...To be sup.
Bellegrade and Caledonia..J. W. Duncan
Bismarck and Hickory Grove.L. R. Mauk
Bonne Terre Sta.....W. J. Heys
Desloge Sta.....Olin Boggess
Elvins and Esther.....Thomas Lord
Farmington Sta.....C. Fontaine
Farmington Ct.....J. P. McDonald
Flat River Sta.....L. F. Aspley
Fredericktown Sta.....T. M. Jackson
Fredericktown Ct.....To be supplied
Libertyville.....Sup. by B. W. Bynum
Lutesville and Glen Allen..W. A. Ashley
Leadwood and Irondale....W. M. Nesbit
Marble Hill Ct.....A. P. Saffold
Marquand Ct.....Sup. by J. A. Wood
Mineral Point Ct.....A. M. Robinson
Oak Ridge Ct.....J. W. Hodges
Neely's Landing Ct.....
.....Supplied by D. M. Musgrave
Potosi Sta.....W. A. Tetley
Potosi Ct.....To be supplied
Sedgwickville Ct.....Sup. by W. L. King
Ste. Genevieve and Perryville.....
.....L. H. Davis
Whitewater Ct.....G. L. R. Crook
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.....C. M. Gray

REV. WILLIAM J. HEYS.

God's calls are upward; they are calls towards life, purer light,
And sweeter joy.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. William J. Heys is one of our esteemed English preachers. His parents, Fielding and Rachel Heys, belonged to the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and at the time of his birth resided at Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire.

He was converted in October, 1881, at the early age of fifteen years. The Rev. Thomas Hackett conducted the revival services in which he found the Lord, and Rev. Samuel Fogg received him into the Church as a junior member. The Christian spirit of the new convert found immediate expression in service. He joined a Mission Band for outdoor work and became a teacher in the Sunday School. Shortly after this he began the systematic study of the Bible and earnestly sought the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Being impressed that God called him to the work of the ministry, he became a local preacher on the Accrington Circuit, in 1885, and for several years rendered acceptable service in that way. Believing at length that the providence of God directed him to America, he left England, May 10th, 1893, and in July of the same year was recommended from the Caruthersville Circuit, St. Louis Conference, for admission on trial into the traveling connection. At the ensuing Conference, held at West Plains, Missouri, he was appointed junior preacher on the Marble Hill and Sedgewickville Circuit; Bishop W. W. Duncan, presiding, and Rev. Henry Hanesworth, Presiding Elder.

Brother Heys was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway at Jackson, September 29th, 1895, and Elder by Bishop Wilson at Doniphan, October 3rd, 1897. He has served as pastor two years at Festus; three years at Hematite; two years at Cape Girardeau; two years at Farmington, and is now serving his third year at Poplar Bluff.

September 9th 1896, he married Miss Mary Westall of Oswaldtwistle, England, and they have three children—Reginald Westall, Beatrice and Florence Mary.

In the matter of education, Brother Heys made good use of his opportunities. After leaving the public school he attended the classes connected with the City of Guilds and London Institute, and obtained a first-class technical certificate in May, 1892. For a time he studied Theology with Rev. T. P. Spencer, formerly a missionary to Africa. He is a reader of many good books and thus enriches his mind. His sermons abound in good thoughts well expressed.

As a pastor he is diligent, conscientious and sympathetic: a true friend and leader of the young people of his church. He believes heartily in Christian education. Recently he expressed himself as follows: "The State University is often an Iconoclast to the most sacred beliefs of the parents. Education in sympathy with earnest Christianity and consistent with our Methodist point of view is a reasonable ideal for the people called Methodists."

REV. JOHN HILLIARD HEADLEE.

The great end of the Creation of Man is that at last and forever He should sing; the song being the highest expression of service.
—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

By Hon. W. D. Vandiver.

Rev. John Hilliard Headlee was born in Maury County, Tennessee, November 13th, 1820; came to Missouri in 1837, with his father, Daniel Headlee; spent four years making and cultivating a new farm on the edge of Roberson's prairie in Greene County, north of Springfield, the best way in the world to develop a strong man out of a healthy boy.

During these years he was converted and joined the Church and in 1841 was licensed to preach. At the ensuing session of the Missouri Conference, held at Palmyra, he was received into the Conference with a class of fifteen, many of whom became famous preachers, Bishop E. M. Marvin finally heading the class.

His field of labor was mostly in Southeast Missouri. At various times he served all the important charges in that section of the State—Greenville, Bloomfield, Charleston, New Madrid, Potosi, Fredericktown, Wesley Chapel in St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, Jackson, Farmington and Caledonia. He was also pastor of the church at Jefferson City, and was Chaplain of the Legislature while there. From 1871 he was President of Bellevue Collegiate Institute three years and then Presiding Elder five years. In all, his ministry extended over a period of forty-seven years, and he was on the retired list from 1888 to the date of his death at Caledonia, January 20th, 1900.

He first married Miss Baker of St. Francois County, and seven years after her death he married Miss Caroline Dean, a noble Christian lady, who still survives him, and who is remembered all over Southeast Missouri as the Matron of Bellevue Institute, and whose motherly care devolped the young ladies of that Institution into cultivated and useful women.

Four children survive him—Baker Headlee, a banker of Potosi; Frank Headlee, a druggist of Searcy, Arkansas; Mrs. Jennie D. Chappell, wife of Rev. Dr. E. B. Chappell, of Nashville, Tennessee, and Mrs. Alice L. Vandiver, wife of Hon. W. D. Vandiver, present Insurance Commissioner of Missouri.

All over Southeast Missouri Brother Headlee was known as "Honest John," an expression of confidence first bestowed by his neighbors on Flat River. He was the soul of honor and genial friendship. He was widely read, and his sermons were often embellished with gems of the best literature. Especially fond of the Scotch bards, he had memorized almost all the best poems of Robert Burns. He was tender and loving and cared little for this world's goods.

His tact in managing men was illustrated when going to a river town to preach for the first time on his new circuit in 1851. He was warned that the saloon keeper had driven off the former preacher and would probably drive him off. He immediately called on the saloon keeper and enlisted him in getting him a place to preach, and he proved to be one of his best supporters.

Among the old-time Methodists of Southeast Missouri the name of Rev. John H. Headlee is perhaps the dearest of them all.

REV. WILLIAM ADDRIAN TETLEY.

What we term human aspiration is born of divine inspiration.
—Bishop Hendrix.



Rev. William Addrian Tetley, son of F. I. Tetley and Elizabeth Jane Tetley, was born April 1st, 1878, at Knob Lick, St. Francois County, Missouri. He was converted at his home in Bonne Terre, Missouri, April 26th, 1904, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at that place under the ministry of Rev. A. S. Coker. His conversion was the result of constant pleading and prayer to God by his wife, who became very much in earnest in regard to his salvation. After a few days of such earnestness, God convicted him, and he was converted at his own home, kneeling by the side of his faithful wife. He has developed spiritually, especially since entering the ministry. God peculiarly revealed himself when he surrendered to His call. He is certain that he has a deeper love for God and a more tender sympathy for men than when he entered this work. He was licensed to preach at Oak Ridge, Missouri, May 14th, 1904, by the Farmington District Conference; Rev. A. S. Coker, pastor, and Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, Presiding Elder; recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference by the Farmington District Conference, May 14th, 1904; and received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1904; Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop J. S. Key, September 23rd, 1906, at Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Appointments filled: Ste. Genevieve and Esther as supply from May 20th, 1904, to September 20th, 1904; 1904-1905, Ste. Genevieve Station; Leadwood Station, 1905-1906; appointed to Potosi Station, September 24th, 1906. One hundred and nineteen persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. The church at Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, which is the first Protestant church built in that town, the oldest town in the Louisiana Purchase, and the parsonage at Leadwood, Missouri, was built under his pastorate.

He received his education at the common schools, and was graduated from the State High School at Bonne Terre, Missouri. He was married to Miss Anna Maud Murphy, December 8th, 1897, and the names of their children are: Olga Marjorie Tetley, Martha Elizabeth Tetley and Thomas Benton Tetley. The change of his vocation from a lumber merchant to a Methodist preacher has been possibly the most important crisis in his life. Wesley's Sermons and J. Wilbur Chapman's and Dr. Louis Albert Banks' Books of Sermons are some of the books that have been most helpful to him.



FREDERICKTOWN CHURCH.

By P. E. Genoway.

Methodism has had a home in Fredericktown since 1837, though services were held prior to that time in a pioneer school house. In that year a lot was donated by Col. William M. Newberry and a small brick church was erected on the site of the present Mary Parkins Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This little building served its purpose until 1879, when another building of more ample proportions, was erected on the same site, under the pastorate of Dr. George W. Hull. About seven years after this achievement, a parsonage was decided upon, and the lot adjoining the church, to the south, was the donation of three men, M. A. Jackson, J. L. Covert and Dr. F. R. Newberry. A neat cottage was erected thereon. In later years it has been raised to two stories and otherwise improved. For the latter, the credit is largely due to the Woman's Home Mission Society. The church building erected in 1879, met the needs of the congregation for twenty-four years, when it could no longer adequately accommodate the ever-increasing congregation. The growth was due, in part, to the location of Marvin Collegiate Institute, the Conference School, at this place. In 1903, our present Mary Parkins Memorial Church was begun under the pastorate of Dr. M. B. Chapman, and was finished the following year by Rev. C. M. Gray. This elegant church was made possible at that time by a gift of $3,500.00 from the good woman whose memorial it is and who has so recently passed to her reward. The earliest church records were lost during the struggle between the states, but the following are found to have served here as pastor,through varying times and fortunes, to the present prosperous day. Heading the list is Andrew Peace, familiarly and lovingly known as "Parson" Peace. Then comes Rev. J. H. Headlee: "Rough and Ready" Watts; Rev. H. N. Watts: Rev. Williams; J. C. Williams: Rev. McAlister; Rev. G. W. Hull: Rev. Mr. McGee: Rev. H. Hanesworth; Rev. N. B. Henry; Rev. J. C. L. Boehm; Rev. J. R. Eddlemon; Rev. Z. T. McCann; Rev. M. B. Chapman; Rev. C. M. Gray; Rev. O. C. Fontaine, and at the present time, Rev. G. M. Hull, a recent transfer from the North Mississippi Conference.



MR. P. E. GENOWAY.

There is nothing worthy of a real Man that Religion does not Approve and sustain.—*Bishop Haygood.*

Mr. P. E. Genoway was born, February 11th, 1865, in Richland County, Illinois. He is a son of Daniel C. Genoway and Ruth M. Genoway. His mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1884, at Olney, Illinois, under the ministry of Rev. N. B. Cooksey. There was nothing unusual about his conversion; it was just a gradual gaining of light until he found himself in the Kingdom. He has made a decided advancement along the line of a deeper understanding of the things of God. He received most help from the preaching of Rev. Joseph Jamison and very able help from Sister Margaret Skinner. He attended the Olney, High School, at Olney, Illinois, from which he graduated in 1886. He was married to Miss Eva McLean, August 16th, 1894, and they have two daughters, Ruth Havergal Genoway and Miriam Genoway. He says the most important crisis in his life was when at the age of seventeen he left his country home, very decidedly against the wishes of his parents, in order that he might attend High School. He worked his way for four years and has found it a very profitable investment. Some books which have helped him, aside from the Bible, are "Pilgrim's Progress," "Life of George Mueller of London," some of C. M. Sheldon's works, and the works of Francis Ridley Havergal. He spent ten years of his life as a teacher. He has often been honored by the church, sometimes above what he feels worthy, and was a delegate to the General Confernce at Birmingham, Alabama, in 1906. He has spent several years in the Insurance business, with the Tribe of Ben-Hur, of Crawfordsville, Indiana.



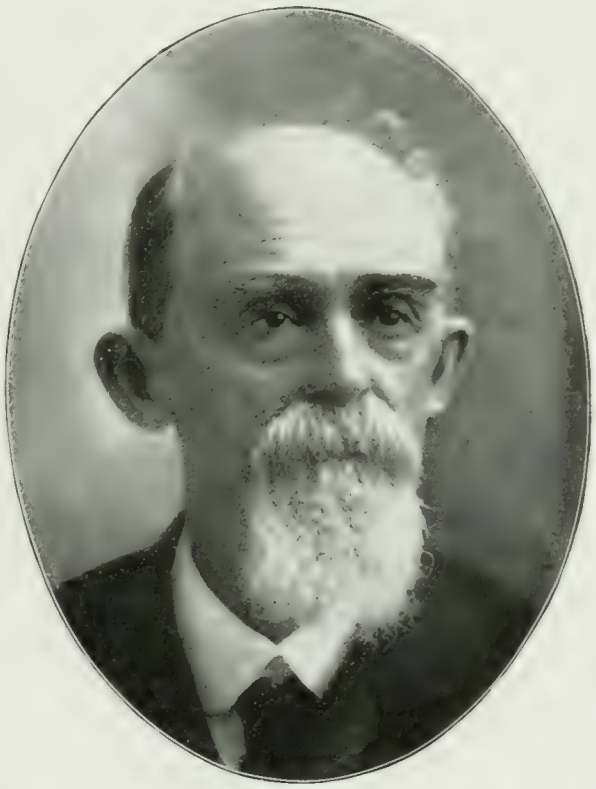
REV. BENNETT WILLIAMS BYNUM.

Faith stands serenely above the reach of the Atheism of Science.—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*

Rev. Bennett Williams Bynum was born, January 17th, 1862, in Fulton County, Kentuckey. He is the youngest son of Rev. Findley Bynum, who for many years was a leader in Southern Methodism in the Memphis Conference. Thus from his earliest recollection he had the advantage of sweet home influence and Christian parentage. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church at the age of sixteen, under the preaching of Rev. W. G. Hefley. In early young manhood he felt called to preach the Gospel, but like many other youths, eager to pursue their own chosen occupation spurned the call. About this time he entered college. There he battled long and hard to eradicate this feeling which had become a burden. Many sleepless nights were spent in the conflict, but not till he was stricken with affliction, did he respond to God's call. He was licensed to preach in November, 1894, by Rev. W. T. Harris. His first attempt to preach was in his own home church at Cayce, Kentucky. In the fall of 1899, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hargrove; in October, 1905, he came to Missouri as supply on Sherry Circuit, Poplar Bluff District, St. Louis Conference. The present Conference year he is supplying the Libertyville Circuit, Farmington District. Brother Bynum was married on the 31st day of January, 1895, to Miss Annie Clevidence. To this union were born two children, Ruth Bynum and Robert Bynum.

REV. LESLIE HOLLAND DAVIS.

A call to the ministry may be defined a persuasion wrought by The Holy Spirit in the mind of an individual that it is his duty To become a preacher of the Gospel.—*Dr. Olin.*



Rev. Leslie Holland Davis was born, May 14th, 1842, in Hampshire County, Virginia. His parents, Jesse Davis and Mary C. Davis, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His mother was a devout Christian and looked very carefully to the association and religious instruction of her children. He was converted at a prayer meeting near Petersburg, Virginia, in August, 1864, and joined the church under the ministry of Rev. Milton Taylor. The years have only strengthened his faith in God. While he does not see the matter of inbred sin and the need of a second work of grace in the light of some of his brethren, he does believe that after the great deeps of the human heart have been broken up in regeneration and power and dominion over sin is given, that he has still daily need of the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a preparation for the Master's service. He was licensed to preach Christmas week, 1868, by the Quarterly Conference of Patterson Creek Circuit; Rev. John C. Dice, Presiding Elder; he was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Ashland Quarterly Conference in 1870; was received into the Annual Conference in March, 1870; Rev. Ezra F. Busy, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Robert Paine, at Warrington, Virginia, in 1872; was ordained Elder by Bishop Doggett, in March, 1873, in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, Maryland. He has served the following charges: Five years in the Baltimore Conference, two and one half years in Illinois, when at his own request he was transferred to fill the Kinmundy charge; in 1877, he was transferred to Southwest Missouri, and filled Lebanon, Warrensburg and Windsor among the important charges. In 1893, he was transferred to the St. Louis Conference. He has a good home at Fredericktown, where he moved in September, 1904, and from that point he serves Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, the oldest town in the State, where eighty-five per cent of the people are Roman Catholics. Several churches and parsonages were built under his pastorate. He attended two sessions at Randolph-Macon College, and has diplomas in the School of Chemistry and Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics of that institution. He was married, February 18th, 1873, to Miss Mary D. Stephenson, who died October 11th, 1875, and then he married Miss Mollie Allen Fuqua, November 9th, 1880, and she died, September 9th, 1881. He was married the last time to Miss Clara E. Colley, July 22nd, 1884. The names of his children are Jessie Dent Davis, Milton Colley Davis, Samuel McKendree Davis, Mattie Ida Davis and Joseph Burroughs Davis. Brother Davis believes the Christian College must be such, not only in name, but in reality, and those who teach should be ideals to our children. A Christian school with teachers whose lives and examples do not furnish lofty ideals, will be discounted by state schools and their patrons.

REV. LOVELL ROUSSEAU MAUK.

The pure heart, only, loves aright: it, only, reflects the Divine likeness.—*Dr. Cunningham Geikie.*



Rev. Lovell Rousseau Mauk was born near Louisville, Kentucky, September 20th, 1867. His father, Benjamin F. Mauk, and mother, Sarah J. Mauk, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was converted at the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Louisville, Kentucky, during the ministry of Dr. R. H. Rivers, and in a union meeting between Trinity M. E. Church and Broadway M. E. Church, South. He joined Trinity M. E. Church and remained a member of that church until he came to Missouri, in 1893, when he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His conversion occurred after a season of deep conviction lasting for almost a year. He was finally converted in the good old way, at the altar, and after having almost despaired of ever being saved. From the very day of his conversion to this time, the way has been growing brighter and brighter, a stronger will to do good, and a love more perfect to God and man. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at St. Louis, Missouri, in the summer of 1893; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Poplar Bluff District Conference in the spring of 1899, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial at Bonne Terre, Missouri, in September, 1899; Rev. H. M. Eure was his presiding Elder, and the presiding Bishop was J. C. Granbery. He was ordained Deacon by Rev. A. W. Wilson, in 1897, at Doniphan, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Galloway, September 20th, 1903, at Farmington, Missouri. He has filled the following appointments: Oak Hill, 1897-1898; Poplar Bluff Mission, 1898-1900; Salem, 1900-1901; Hematite, 1901-1903; Libertyville, 1903-1904; Marquand, 1904-1906; present station, Bismark, Missouri. About three hundred persons have been received into the church under his ministry. The new church at Marquand was built and the church at Spring Valley was remodled under his pastorate. He received his education in the public schools in and near Louisville, Kentucky, and at a private school in St. Louis, Missouri, for two years. He was married to Miss Bertha Leonard, June 15th, 1904. He thinks his conversion and call to the ministry has been the most important crisis in his life. Some of the books which have been most helpful to him, aside from the Bible, are: "Imitation of Christ," "Pilgrim's Progress," and Ralston's "Elements of Divinity."

REV. JEROME C. BERRYMAN.

February 22, 1810—May 8, 1906.

On the 8th day of May, 1906, in the quiet village of Caledonia, a venerable man of God, after ninety-six years of pilgrimage, and four score years in the Methodist ministry, yielded up his spirit to God. A native of Kentucky, he came to Missouri and was received on trial into the Missouri Conference in 1828. His first circuit was comprised of seventeen counties with Farmington as headquarters.

In 1833 he was sent to the Kickapoo Mission and school among the Indians in Kansas, where he remained for fifteen years, leaving behind him three graves, that of his beloved wife and two of his six children.

In 1853 he was appointed to Centenary Church in St. Louis, his peculiar talent seeming to be demanded by the condition existing there. Brother Berryman founded the Arcadia College and was for twenty years in charge of that institution, though during the time pastor of stations and serving the Church in various capacities.

The Arcadia College was an institution of incalculable value in the development of this section of the state. Brother Berryman was a Puritan, reared under Cavalier influences. He had the unyielding moral conviction of the Puritan (he would have been a Pilgrim among the Pilgrims), and the tone of a highly bred Southern gentleman.

The men he educated showed the influence of the man whose determination, conviction and management, made such a school possible in such a territory. It is conceded by thoughtful men that the Church and the state received no more valuable service from any source than that rendered by J. C. Berryman in the Arcadia College.

While not an evangelist himself, he never failed to lay stress on revivals and every year while in the college he secured the services of some man of evangelistic gifts (usually Rough-and-Ready Watts, his brother-in-law) to hold revival services. Most of the young people who attended the college went away professing saving faith.

For twenty years he was on the superannuate list. His character was as beautiful and strong in this trying period as in the days of greater activity. He was self-denying, generous, considerate, uncomplaining, absorbed in the things of the kingdom, the friend of God.

He was at the time of his death, the only surviving member of the historic General Conference of 1844. Just before his death he reecived a message of love and sympathy from the General Conference in session at Birmingham and sent to them the blessings of the patriarch of the Church. It was on the eve of his departure.

The funeral services were held in Caledonia, where the years of his superannuation were so largely spent. The services were conducted by the writer, assisted by A. P. Saffold, pastor, S. W. Emory, W. J. Heys and Rev. E. H. White, one of the early graduates of the Arcadia College. The attendance was large and from various parts of Southeast Missouri. The people among whom he labored loved him and he was not easily forgotten. He had a voice that possessed moral fiber. To hear him sing, "How Firm a Foundation," or "I'm Nearer My Home" was to have faith reassured as by an interview with prophet or apostle.

MARTIN T. HAW.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

1806—CENTENNIAL APPOINTMENTS—1906.

POPLAR BLUFF DISTRICT.

O. H. Duggins.....Presiding Elder
Poplar Bluff Station....Clarence Burton
Kennett Station.....N. B. Henry
Dexter Station.....J. W. Worsnop
Doniphan Station.....A. S. Coker
Doniphan Circuit.....L. Eaker
Malden.....T. O. Shanks
Campbell.....A. S. J. Baldridge
Morehouse.....C. L. Dennis
Hornersville and Cardwell....R. Walton
Advance Circuit.....W. E. Forsyth
Bloomfield Circuit.....J. C. Denton
Piedmont Circuit.....J. C. L. Boehm
Essex Circuit.....John Dodwell
Lowndes and Coldwater.....T. W. Glass
Grand Prairie Circuit.....J. D. Doherty
Holcomb Circuit.....W. H. Dees
Williamsville Circuit....C. R. Brightwell
Greenville Circuit.....Theodore Reid
Sherry Circuit.....Charles Barham
Bell City Circuit.....D. E. Dowless
Poplar Bluff Circuit
.....Supplied by J. W. Coburn
Zalma Circuit.....Supplied by J. G. Huff
Student in Vanderbilt University
.....J. R. Bullington
Conference Missionary Secretary
.....N. B. Berry
Naylor Circuit.....F. Eaker

REV. OLIVER H. DUGGINS.

By Faith man removes mountains of difficulty.
—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*

By Rev. W. J. Heys.



The subject of this sketch was born in Perry County, Missouri. His parents, James and Columbia Duggins, were both members of the Southern Methodist Church. He was converted while attending the State Normal School at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, February 26th, 1884, in a revival meeting conducted by Rev. W. B. Godbey. Two days later the preacher in charge, the Rev. John L. Batten, received him into the Church. His conversion was preceded by days of spiritual darkness and unrest. He was deeply convicted of sin, and realized his helplessness and dependence on God's mercy. While the congregation were singing, "Jesus My Lord, to Thee I Cry, Unless Thou Help Me I Must Die," he was enabled to exercise a living faith in Christ. The darkness disappeared and sweet peace settled upon his soul with an overpowering sense of God's love.

In his spiritual development two thoughts have been great factors: Life is useless and empty without Christ, and there is nothing in this world to fear but sin. Some time after his conversion he went to the city of St. Louis where he came under the influence of Dr. John Mathews, pastor of Centenary Church. At the Quarterly Conference held July 11th, 1887, he was licensed to preach and also recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. Dr. T. M. Finney was presiding Elder of the St. Louis district at that time.

He was received on trial at Fredericktown, Missouri, September, 1887, and was immediately transferred to the Los Angeles Conference, by Bishop E. R. Hendrix. After serving two years he was ordained deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove at San Bernardino, California, October 6th, 1889. At this Conference he located to attend school in Tennessee. During his vacations he served as supply on the Embury and Gleason circuits of the Memphis Conference; was ordained Elder by Bishop Chas. B. Galloway, December 3rd, 1893, at Memphis, Tennessee. The following have been his appointments up to the present: El Passo de Robles circuit, San Louis Obispo County, California; Los Balsas and Newport, Orange County, California; supplied Embury Circuit and Gleason Circuit, Tennessee; LaGrange Circuit, Memphis Conference, two years; Lenox and Madison Heights, Memphis, Tennessee, four years; Trimble Street Church, Paducah, Kentuckey; Bells, Tennessee, Immanuel Church, St. Louis, Missouri; Carondelet Church, St. Louis, Missouri. Appointed Presiding Elder of Poplar Bluff District by Bishop Hendrix, September 25th, 1905, at Caruthersville, Missouri.

REV. CLARENCE BURTON.

The happiness of Heaven comes not merely from Environments,
But from a pure heart, and a holy nature.—*Dean Tillett.*



Rev. Clarence Burton was born at Manleyville, Henry County, Tennessee, August 30th, 1868. He is a son of Charles W. Burton and Martha J. Burton, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted, September 26th, 1888, while alone with God out in the woods in New Madrid County, Missouri, where he was teaching school. He had been a seeker for years at the altar. One afternoon when he had returned from the school he went out into the woods alone and gave himself up to God and was there consciously regenerated. His faith and purpose grew all along to serve God. He felt that he had, consecrated his all to Him when he answered the call to the ministry. However, when he heard Dr. Carradine preach entire sanctification, at First Church, St. Louis, he was convicted of his need of this grace, and his privilege to have it. He sought the same, with varying experiences, sometimes seeking, sometimes doubting it altogether, until on Sunday, July 4th, 1897, under the preaching of Rev. J. M. Porter, he trusted God for complete victory over sin and entire sanctification. He was licensed to preach, May 8th, 1892, by the Quarterly Conference of Bertrand and East Prairie charge; Rev. R. D. Kennedy, pastor, and Rev. J. T. Kendall, Presiding Elder. He was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Locust Grove Mission, which he was serving as supply, in the Charleston District, in August, 1892. He was received into the Annual Conference in 1892; Rev. J. T. Kendall, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Charles B. Galloway, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 30th, 1894, at Fredericktown, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, October 4th, 1896, at Charleston, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Ellington Circuit, one year; Grandin and Van Buren Station, two years; St. Clair Circuit and Station, four years; Steelville Station, one year; Marvin Memorial, St. Louis, two years; Doniphan Station, four pears. He has received about seven hundred persons into the church. The following churches and parsonages have been built or purchased under his pastorate: Church at Doe Run Valley, on the Ellington Circuit; church house purchased at Grandin Station; and church rebuilt at Doniphan; also the parsonage at Steelville and Marvin Memorial were purchased. He was married to Miss Mattie T. Doyle, September 30th, 1888, and the following named children have been born to them: Clarice Pearl Burton, Ruth Hallie Burton and Charles Marvin Burton; another son, Clarence Doyle Burton, died in infancy. He considers his call to the ministry the most important crisis in his life. Some books which have greatly helped him, aside from the bible, are, "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," "Dr. Carradine's Sermons," "Psychic Power in Preaching."

REV. HENRY ACKERMAN SMITH.

In earth, in paradise, in heaven, our all in all is Love.
—*Charles Wesley.*



Rev. Henry Ackerman Smith was born, January 30th, 1837, in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Jacob Smith and Mary W. Smith. He was converted in January, 1856, at a Union church in the village of Bradenville, at a protracted meeting held by the United Brethren in Christ, under the ministry of Rev. L. B. Leasure. He had placed himself under the watch care of the church when he was about seventeen years of age, but at the meeting in which he was converted, he went to the altar as a seeker and continued for seven consecutive nights. As a result, he experienced the comfort of pardon, but was not satisfied, as he thought he should have shouting grace. Some months after, while a student at Alleghany College, he received satisfying grace. In no department of God's dealing with him, he says, has a greater joy manifested itself than the realizing sense of a continuous growth in grace, and the ability by His mercy of seeing things in a clearer light as he advances in years. He was licensed to preach in the summer of 1860, by the Quarterly Conference of Lancaster Circuit, of the Kentucky Conference; Rev. D. W. Axline, preacher in charge, and Rev. John G. Bruce, Presiding Elder; the Richmond charge, Danville District, recommended him to the Annual Conference in the summer of 1874, and he was recived on trial into the Annual Conference at Mount Sterling, Kentucky, that year; Rev. S. X. Hall, Presiding Elder, and Bishop W. M. Wightman, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, July 31st, 1870, at Richmond, Kentucky; ordained Elder by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh in July, 1874, at Nicholasville, Kentucky. He has served the following charges: Mackville, Chaplin, Texas Academy, Bradfordville Home College, in the Kentucky Conference. Cape Girardeau, Benton, Oak-ridge, Jackson, Cape Girardeau, West Plains District, Poplar Bluff, Caledonia, Bellvue Collegiate Institute, and Bertrand in the St. Louis Conference. Several churches and parsonages have been built under his pastorates. He attended Alleghany College in the Pittsburg Conference. He was married to Miss Almira Clay Potts, April 2nd, 1861, and the following children were born to them: Eugene Herbert Smith, Jessamine Smith, May Smith, Blanche Smith, Maggie Zue Smith and Roy Hines Smith. He went from Pennsylvania to Kentucky in March, 1859, and shortly after, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Here he engaged in teaching until the breaking out of the civil war, when he enlisted with the Union forces. After the conclusion of the war, he lived for three years in Southern Indiana, where he taught school and preached as a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He came to Missouri, in 1882, after the Conference was held, and was readmitted at Conference held at Poplar Bluff in 1883, he having located a short time prior to the time he removed to Missouri.

REV. ASHLEY STANFIELD COKER.

Joy seems to have the touch of the Prince that wakes up the Slumbering beauties and powers of the Soul.
—*Dr. Beverly Carradine.*



Rev. Ashley Standfield Coker was born in Carthage, Smith County, Tennessee, November 12th, 1846. He is a son of Samuel J. Coker and Margaret J. Coker, both of whom were members of the Old School Presbyterian church. He was converted at Arcadia, Missouri, September 19th, 1866, under the ministry of the Rev. J. C. Berryman. He had been under conviction at times from his early childhood. At the revival meeting in Arcadia in September, 1866, he went to the altar nine consecutive evenings. In the afternoon of the ninth day he covenanted with Elbert Thompson, of Mississippi County, to go to the altar that evening and remain until they were converted. About the close of the service he was converted, regenerated, justified and made very happy in the knowledge that his sins were pardoned and he was a child of God by adoption. Thompson was converted after they had taken their seats and while the announcements were being made for the next day's services. Brother Coker grew in grace and in the knowledge and love of God as he attended God's services. At a district conference of the Charleston District, held at Lutesville, May 27th, 1892, he was sanctified by the Holy Spirit under the teachings of Rev. B. Carradine, D.D. Since that time he has enjoyed perfect love to God and man. He was licensed to preach, July 18th, 1893, by the Quarterly Conference of Fredericktown; Rev. R. F. Chew, pastor in charge, and Rev. H. Hanesworth, Presiding Elder; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference in 1893, at West Plains, Missouri; Rev. H. Hanesworth, Presiding Elder, and Bishop W. W. Duncan, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway, September 26th, 1895, at Jackson, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Wilson, September 23rd, 1897, at Doniphan, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Pike Creek Circuit, 1893-1894; Greenville Circuit, 1894-1895; Belleview Circuit, 1895-1896; Greenville Circuit, 1897-1898; Kennett Station, 1898-1899; Washington, 1899-1900; Shaw Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, 1900-1902; Bonne Terre, 1902-1906; Doniphan, 1906-1907, which latter place is his present charge. He has received into the church about seven hundred and eighty persons. He received his education at the public schools, the Arcadia High School, and the Southeast Missouri Normal at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He was married to Miss Leoniah Jane Short, September 9th, 1869, and four children were born to them, one of whom, Albert Selwin Coker, is now dead. The other three, Anna Belle Coker, now the wife of Rev. T. B. Reagan, Frank J. Coker, and Minnie Wheeler Coker, now the wife of Rev. P. D. Hartman, are still living. Brother Coker thinks the Christian College is as much a necessity as is the Church, if we are to meet the responsibilities which confront us.

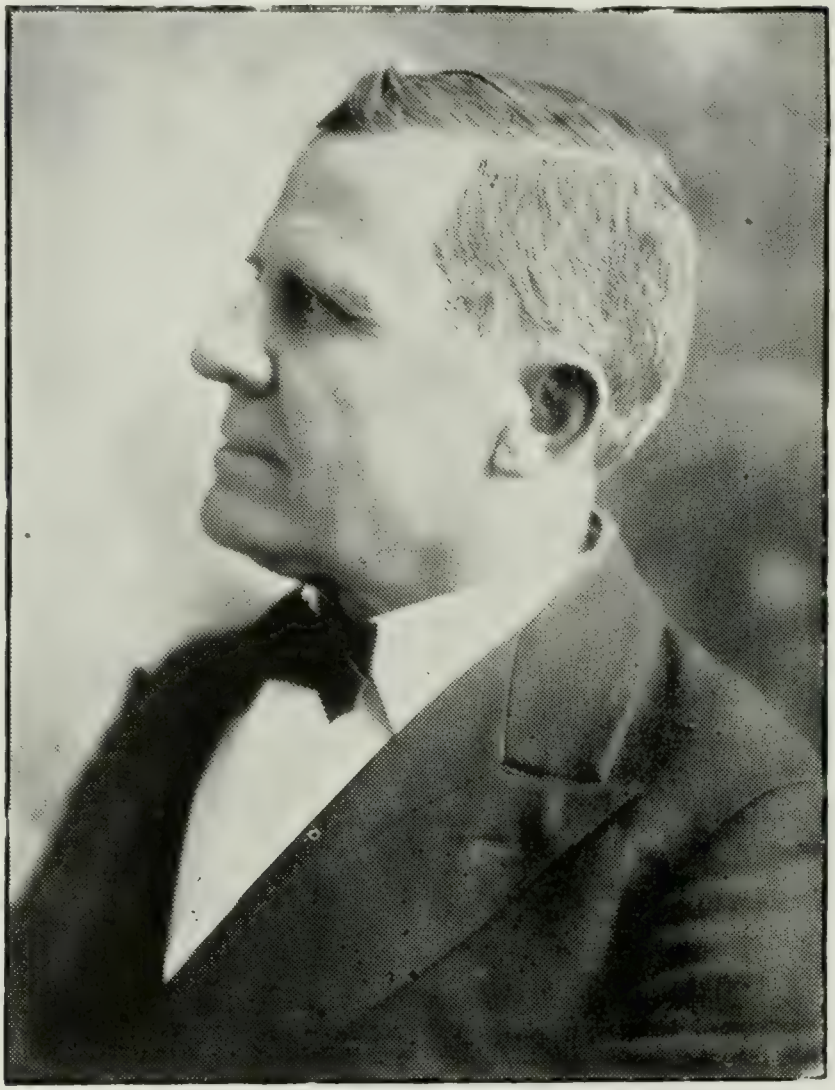
MRS. A. S. COKER.

The blessing of her quiet life fell on us like the dew.
—*John G. Whittier.*



Mrs. Leoniah Jane Coker was born in California, Missouri, August 15th, 1850, the only daughter of Martin L., and Mary J. Short. Her father moved to Cape Girardeau County in the early fifties, and when Leoniah was twelve years old moved to Carlisle, Illinois, where she was married to Rev. A. S. Coker by his uncle, Rev. George W. Coker, September 9th, 1869. They returned to Cape Girardeau County at once and the greater part of their married life was spent there. Mrs. Coker was the mother of four children, the eldest, Albert Selwin Coker, dying in Cape Girardeau at the age of fourteen years. The other children still live; Anna Belle Coker, being the wife of Rev. T. B. Reagan, A. M., now stationed at Corvalis, Montana, and Minnie Wheeler Coker, being the wife of Rev. P. D. Hartman, now stationed at Hamilton, Montana, and Franklin J. Coker in business in St Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Coker was converted in childhood and joined the Baptist Church, but after her marriage came into the Methodist Church with her husband, and lived a consistent, Christian character throughout her life. She was a zealous and earnest worker in the auxiliaries of the church, and in all the charges served by her husband, she was loved because of her quiet, sweet Christian life. The Woman's Foreign Auxiliary at Bonne Terre complimented her with a Life Membership Certificate in December, 1903. The Home and Foreign Auxiliaries, at Doniphan, Missouri, adopted resolutions after her death, which occurred early Easter morning, March 31st, 1907. These resolutions were signed by the officers, Nellie Proctor, Lula M. Cude and Clara Wright, and by a committee composed of Mrs. T. J. Bennett, Mrs. J. R. Wright and Mrs. T. F. Lane. The Home Mission Auxiliary of Bonne Terre, Missouri, gave a very beautiful testimonial of their appreciation of Sister Coker, which letter was signed by the officers and thirty-six members of the Auxiliary. The letter was written by the President, Mrs. C. L. Norwine, and reads as follows:

"Dear Brother Coker: The news of Sister Coker's death reached us yesterday. You will not be surprised to get a letter from us, seeing that our relations to you were so intimate and yours to us so helpful. We desire to express our sympathy with you in your bereavement, and also to state that we mourn your loss as our own. Both you and Sister Coker have been constantly remembered in our prayers and we assure you that for you we shall continue to pray. May you find in the Eternal God, comfort firm as a rock and as everlasting. Sister Coker was a true 'Mother in Israel,' and an example to all of us of patient suffering. To be with her was to realize the presence of God in the midst of great bodily weakness. But now it has pleased God to release her, and we are glad because she has entered into the joy of her Lord. How precious the words: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them'."



REV. NELSON B. HENRY, D. D.

The search for Truth is the inspiration of Reason.
—Dr. Fairbairn.

Brother Henry was blessed with Godly parents. His father, Rev. Nelson Henry, transferred from Pittsburg to the Missouri Conference in 1834. He married Juliette, the eldest daughter of Judge John D. Cook, October 22, 1842 Both parents were Methodists.

The subject of this sketch was born to them near Daugherty's Mill in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, July 23, 1848. He was converted and joined the church under Rev. G. W. Hull at Millerville, Missouri, in 1874. He traces his first serious thoughts to a remark made by Professor Nason of the Third District Normal School at Cape Girardeau. He regarded Prof. Nason as an ideal man and at the close of his first year at the Cape Normal went to tell Professor Nason good-bye. The professor said to him, "Be good to yourself." He could not think of any harm he was doing himself but the words continued to haunt him until he saw himself a sinner. He was under conviction for nearly two years before finding peace.

His religious life has never been marked by any extraordinary bursts of joy or

feeling, yet he testifies that it is easier to do God's will now than formerly, that his walk with Christ is more constant, with a sweeter and more peaceful experience. Brother Henry was licensed to preach and recommended for admission into the Annual Conference at the same time. The Church Conference of the First Methodist Episcopal church, South, Pueblo, Colorado, recommended him; the Quarterly Conference of the same charge licensed him the next day, and the Denver Conference received him on trial after being a local preacher only two and one-half days. As secretary of the Denver Conference, Brother Henry read his own recommendation to that body. This was at the session of 1890 with Bishop Key presiding. His pastor at that time was Rev. M. H. Moore, and his Presiding Elder, Rev. F. B. Carroll.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway at Kirkwood, September 29th, 1892; and Elder by Bishop Hendrix at Fredericktown, Missouri, September 31st, 1894. Brother Henry has served in the following places: East Pueblo, Colorado, 1891-1892, in connection with the presidency of the Pueblo Collegiate Institute; was president of Belleview Collegiate Institute, June, 1892, to September, 1894; was Presiding Elder of Farmington District one year; then President of Marvin Collegiate Institute for seven years; was pastor at Bonne Terre from July to October, 1902; served West Plains as pastor one year and is now serving his fourth year as pastor at Kennett.

He has received about three hundred persons into the church. He started the subscription for the Girls' Dormitory at Fredericktown and has just completed an excellent nine room parsonage at Kennett.

Brother Henry says his education was begun at his mother's knees, supplemented by the public schools. He is a graduate of the State Normal at Kirksville, Missouri. He received the degree of D.D. from Charlton College, Farmington, Missouri. He is an ardent advocate of Christian education and of Methodist union; a keen debater and a most enthusiastic advocate of Foreign Missions.

REV. NELSON HENRY.

> The open grave is a petty miracle weighed in the balance against God's coming into our flesh, and returning, carrying our flesh Back to God, to wear it there forever.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*

Rev. Nelson Henry was born in Washington, Massachusetts, July 27th, 1803. His ancestry, as given in the "Henry Family Record," by Hon. Frederick A. Henry, of Cleveland, Ohio, is traced back to "Sargeant John Henry, Freeman of Tapsfield, Connecticut, 1690." It is a prolific, pioneer family, whose members have followed the star of empire in its westward course. It has been said of them, "An honorable ancestry, a countless posterity, and a set way, are their three-fold birthright." In 1817, Nelson's father, Simon Henry, moved near what is now Bainbridge, Ohio, and here, three years later, the young man gave his heart to God and joined the Methodist Church. Soon afterward he felt the call to the ministry, but fought it for years. In 1831, he was admitted on trial in the Pittsburg Conference, and two years later was ordained Deacon by Bishop Roberts. In 1834, in company with Thomas Drummond, George Smith and John L. Irwin, he was transferred to Missouri Conference. His diary shows that the trip was made on horseback by way of Cincinnati to St. Louis. The next year at Arrow Rock, Missouri, he was ordained Elder by Bishop Roberts. He served in succession the following charges: Cape Girardeau, Bellevue, Independence, Hannibal, Cape Girardeau, Fredericktown, and Cape Girardeau District four years (1841-1845). Adhering to the Methodist Episcopal Church after the division, he held a number of classes, notable among which were those at Jackson, McKendree Chapel and Cape Girardeau, to that church, and on the reorganization of the Methodist Episcopal Conference was appointed to the Arkansas District. On account of the vast territory embraced in that district, and the difficulty of traveling it, the physical strain was too great and his health began to fail. At the end of the second year he asked to be relieved of the Presiding Eldership, and was appointed to Fredericktown Mission. His health continued to decline, and at Conference he took a superannuation. The following spring, March 18th, 1853, he entered upon his reward. As a man, he was open, frank, generous, firm, discreet. As a Christian, he was full of the faith and of the Holy Ghost. As a preacher, he was noted both for his theological research and his power of persuasion. As a Presiding Elder, he was exceedingly helpful to his preachers. His admonitions were so manifestly wise, and delivered with such evident sympathy for the ones admonished, that, in the language of Judge N. B. Allen of Fredericktown, they "wished he would reprove them again." But it was in the home that his light was brightest. His cheerfulness, his love, his piety, his upright life pervaded and hallowed it continually. In 1842, he married Miss Juliette, daughter of Hon. John D. Cook, of Cape Girardeau. The union was a most happy one. Of the five children born to them, John Simon Henry, Sarah Cook Henry, Nenlson Bollinger Henry, William Carroll Henry and Newton Joshua Henry, Nelson alone survives, and is a member of the St. Louis Conference. The death of this man of faith was triumphant.



REV. DAVID ELISHA DOWLESS.

It is by Faith that the eye of man is opened to see the Light Of the Glorious Love of God.—*John Wesley.*

Rev. David Elisha Dowless was born October 19th, 1865, in the State of North Carolina. He is a son of Elisha Dowless and Edith Dowless, both of whom are, and always have been, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted and joined the church when about fifteen years old, under the ministry of his grandfather, May. His growth in grace is still going on, and ever since he united with the church he has been trying to live a perfect life. He has a desire, and is determined, by God's grace, to become all that he can be to God and man. His will in this direction is stronger than ever. He was licensed to preach in 1898, by the District Conference of Roxboro, North Carolina; Rev. John Cole, preacher in charge, and Rev. Jesse L. Cunningham, Presiding Elder; recommended for admission on trial to the Annual Conference by the Poplar Bluff District Conference held at Piedmont, Missouri, May 24th, 1899; received into the Annual Conference on trial September 20th, 1899; Bishop J. C. Granbery, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, September 28th, 1902, at Malden, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 21st, 1905, at Caruthersville, Missouri. Appointments filled, May 20th, 1899, to September 20th, 1899, Grandin and VanBuren; 1899-1900, Homersville and Cardwell; 1900-1901, Fair Dealing Circuit; 1901-1902, Fair Dealing Circuit; 1902-1904, Shiloh Circuit; 1904-1905, Lowndes Circuit; 1905-1906, Benton and Illmo; 1906-1907, Bell City Circuit. About three hundred and fifty persons have been received into the church under his ministry. The Neelyville church and the Smith Chapel Church were both built under his pastorate. He received his education at the Clarkston, North Carolina, High School, and at Trinity College, North Carolina. He was married to Miss Amelia F. Goetting, December 31st, 1902, and they have one child, Esther Amelia Dowless.



REV. CHARLES LEE DENNIS.

The function of great beliefs is not to find perfect men, but to Make them.—*Dr. Fairbairn.*

Rev. Charles Lee Dennis, son of William A. Dennis and Margaret R. Dennis, was born in Overton County, Tennessee, but was taken to Allen County, Kentucky, when only two years of age, where he lived until he came to the St. Louis Conference in 1899. His ancestors on both sides have been Methodists for one hundred years. He was converted at old Mt. Pleasant Church in Allen County, Kentucky, at the age of twenty-one years, under the ministry of Rev. Enoch M. Crowe, and joined the church at that time. He at once felt the call to preach, but would not respond then. He did not grow in grace as long as he refused to listen to the call to preach, but when he got his consent to enter the ministry, he grew stronger and better. He was licensed to preach at Scottsville, Kentucky; Rev. G. W. Shugart was preacher in charge, and Dr. S. X. Hall, Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Poplar Bluff District Conference in 1900; received into the Annual Conference on trial at Malden, Missouri; Rev. J. C. L. Boehm, Presiding Elder; ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Granbery at St. Louis, in 1900; ordained Elder by Bishop Joseph S. Key, at Poplar Bluff, September 25th, 1904. Appointments served: Kennett Circuit, one year; Macedonia Circuit, two years; Centerville Circuit, one year; Benton Station, one year; now at Moorehouse Station, where he is serving his third year. About one thousand persons have been received into the church under his ministry. The Elizabeth church, near Doniphan, Missouri, and the Lislewell church, the parsonage at Benton and the parsonage at Morehouse were built and completed under his pastorates. He received his education at the public schools and the Vanderbilt Training School at Elkton, Kentucky. He was married to Miss Nannie Taylor, and they have two children, Redford Levy Dennis and Margaret F. Dennis. He is more determined than ever to go on in the work and feels that the Lord will use him to the Glory of God this year and all the years that are to come in his ministry.

REV. JOHN W. WORSNOP.

A tree of the Lord's right hand planting arises loftily and Broadly in the warm air.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

By Rev. Wm. J. Heys.



The subject of this sketch was born in Bradford, England, September 17th, 1859. His parents, Frederick and Hannah Worsnop, were members of the Church of England. Brother Worsnop was converted in his fifteenth year at the Oxford Place Wesleyan Methodist Church, Leeds. The evening of his conversion a friend invited him to attend a Bible class. Having great admiration for the leader of the class, he consented to go. But business had called the leader out of town and Brother Worsnop's friend conducted a prayer meeting and called on him to pray. At first he refused, but during a pause he began to pray and broke down in tears and penitence. Such was the beginning of his Christian life. Soon the young convert began holding meetings at his home. Many attended and much good was done. In this way he improved his talents and increased his love for Christ and the souls of men. He first became an exhorter, then a fully accredited local preacher, doing excellent service in the Oxford Place Circuit. Being offered a position as assistant superintendent in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, he came to Richmond, Va., and in the Providence of God, his coming to Richmond was the door into the ministry. Bishop Granbery met him and urged him to come to Missouri. The Conference met in First Church, St. Louis, in September, 1884, and Brother Worsnop was re-appointed to Arcadia, where he had been serving as supply, and continued as pastor until 1886. On June 16th of that year he was married to Miss Mamie Porter of Arcadia. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. N. McTyeire at Piedmont, Missouri, September 19th, 1886, and Elder by Bishop Duncan at Talladega, Alabama, November 19th, 1893. His appointments have been: Arcadia, Jackson, Licking Circuit and Poplar Bluff, Missouri; Langston Circuit, Madison, Trinity and Cullman, Alabama; Carondelet, Jackson; Presiding Elder of Poplar Bluff District; and Dexter, Missouri, where he is at present stationed. In his various charges he has received over five hundred persons into the church. The old church at Trinity, Alabama, burned during his fourth year, April, 1896. The Masonic Lodge was in the same building. He at once took hold of the enterprise and induced both parties to build separately. His successor built a handsome church there. He was sent to Dexter specially to build the new church there and has succeeded in building a beautiful gray pressed brick church. Brother Worsnop has enjoyed excellent educational advantages and has made good use of them. He has been a diligent reader, and his sermons are enriched from all sources. He says: "My idea of the Christian College is that, in addition to teaching everything taught by the State, it should give a broad, liberal Christian teaching."



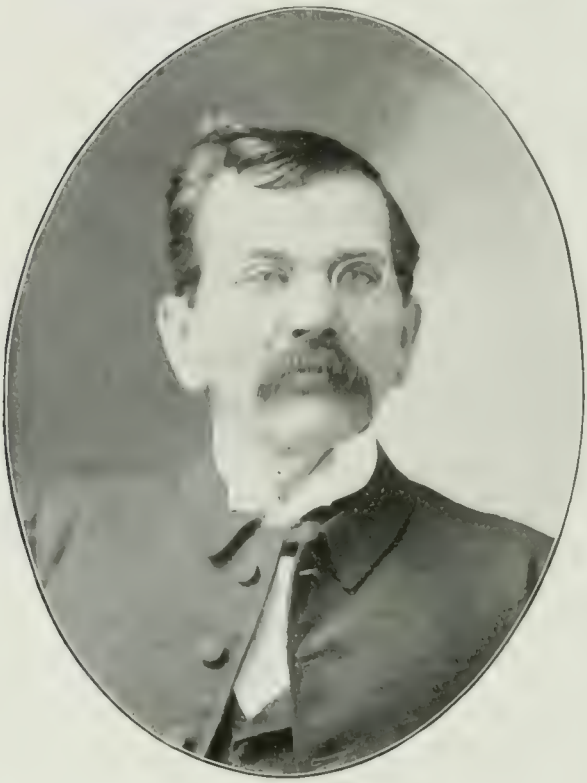
REV. ALBERT S. J. BALDRIDGE.

But God will give the victory in due time; in that faith I act.
—*John G. Whittier.*

Rev. Albert S. J. Baldridge was born at Martin, Tenn., January 16th, 1877. His father, William F. Baldridge, and mother, Susan A. Baldridge, are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted early in life under the ministry of Rev. Joel B. Knight. Although but a boy twelve years old, he was converted in the old time way, at the altar of prayer. His growth in grace has been gradual, and his conviction of what is right and wrong is now more definite. He was licensed to preach at Tiptonville, Tennessee; Rev. Dr. Jenkins, Presiding Elder, and Rev. C. C. Bell, preacher in charge; was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Charleston District Conference at Commerce, Missouri; was received into the Annual Conference in 1901, at Fredericktown, Missouri; Rev. Dr. Wm. B. North, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Warren A. Candler, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway in September, 1903, at Farmington, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix in September, 1905, at Caruthersville. He has served the following charges: Diehlstadt, 1900-1902; Cairo, Illinois, 1902-1905; Campbell, Missouri, 1905-1907. The church at Cario, Illinois, was built under his pastorate. He attended the Dickson Normal College, and McFerrin College, at Martin, Tennessee. "Ralston's Elements of Divinity," "The Life of Wesley," and "The Life of Peter Cartwright," are books which have greatly helped him in his religious life. Brother Baldridge is one of our active, energetic preachers, one who brings things to pass.

REV. JEROME C. DENTON.

If one will have power with his own or future generations let Him know that Character goes further than Culture.
—*Bishop Candler.*



Rev. Jerome C. Denton, son of Wilkins Denton and Sallie Denton, was born March 20th, 1851, in Murray County, Tennessee. So forcibly was he made to feel the need of conversion, that he decided to take the advice of the preacher, Rev. Mr. Reasonhower, to seek the experience. He was happily rewarded the same day at his home when he received full assurance of full pardon, which he has never doubted from that afternoon to the present day. He united at once with the church. His growth in grace has been gradual and continued, with a deeper understanding of the things of God and with a much stronger determination to do His will, and striving for and expecting more perfect love to God and man. He was licensed to preach by the Birmingham Quarterly Conference, at Birmingham, Kentucky, in June, 1882; Rev. Joseph Edwards preacher in charge, and Rev. W. H. Leigh, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Pulaski Quarterly Conference, Illinois Conference, in July, 1888, and was received on trial into the Illinois Conference in October, 1888; Rev. J. W. Westcott, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, December 12th, 1886, at Jackson, Tennessee; ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener, October 20th, 1892, at Pana, Illinois. After more than ten years faithful and acceptable service in the Illinois and Denver Conferences, he was transferred to the St. Louis Conference in 1900, and served the following charges: Lutesville Circuit, one year; adding ninety-five to the church; Kennett, one year, with thirty-five additions; Campbell, one year; building a church at Shumache, Missouri, with eighty additions; Hayti Station, two years, with eighty additions. He is now in his second year at Bloomfield and has let the contract for the building of a modern brick church. He has witnessed the conversion of one thousand persons, and has built six churches and one parsonage during his ministry. He was married to Miss Ellen E. VanCleave, July 21st, 1869, and their children are James W. Denton, Mrs. Pearl A. Bray, Laymon C. Denton, Obena E. Denton, and Iona E. Denton. Brother Denton has been blessed in many ways. The Lord has given him many of the good things of this life and permitted him to see his children all members of his church.



MR. WILLIE LEE SORRELL.

Jesus Christ was such a being in His perfect humanity as God had always intended that Man should be.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Mr. Willie Lee Sorrell was born March 12th, 1874, at Sparta, Tennessee. He is a son of M. P. Sorrell and Minnie Sorrell, both of whom belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, since childhood. He was converted at Idalia, Missouri, in 1894, under the ministry of Rev. N. C. Chasteen, and joined the church at that time. He had been attending a series of meetings, and praying for several days, but was converted at home after church one night when by himself about midnight. He has grown in grace steadily all the time since his conversion thirteen years ago, and each year he feels that he learns more of God and His love to fallen mankind. He is striving to gain that perfect love. He attended the public schools of Tennessee and taught in the public schools for a few terms, but since that time has been engaged in the mercantile business. He was married to Miss Eva Mott, October 2nd, 1895, and they have four children, Cecile Blanche Sorrell, Freeman Ward Sorrell, Alta Pauline Sorrell and Woodford Sorrell. Some years ago he held prayer meetings all over the country and had several conversions. "Pilgrim's Progress," "Talmage's Works," "Sam Jones' Sermons" and "D. L. Moody's Works" are books that have greatly helped him in his religious life. He is at present a member of the Epworth League Board of the St. Louis Conference, and a local Sunday School worker.

REV. JAMES ROBERT BULLINGTON.

Every human soul has a complete and perfect plan, cherished
For it in the heart of God—a divine biography marked out.
—*Dr. Bushnell.*



Rev. James Robert Bullington was born September 25th, 1878, at Martin, Tennessee. His parents, Newton P. Bullington and Mary C. Bullington, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at a grove prayer meeeting at home. The congregation consisted of Rev. William P. Lampkins, Rev. Thomas N. Wilkes and himself. Rev. Thomas N. Wilkes was pastor. He had belonged to the church from childhood at Freeman's Chapel. For a long time he had felt the call to preach, but would not yield. During a revival at Bethany, his home church, Rev. Thomas N. Wilkes and Rev. William P. Lampkins came to his father's for dinner; they went with him out into the woods where he unburdened his heart, and with their counsel and prayer he was led to surrender to God. His growth in grace has been steady. He has prayed earnestly for a deeper experience, and has tried faithfully to serve his Master, and in so doing he has received new light day by day. He was licensed to preach July 5th, 1900, by the Union City District Conference of the Memphis Annual Conference; Rev. Chas. C. Bell, pastor, and Rev. W. D. Jenkins, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the same District Conference at the same time he was licensed to preach, but later decided to go to school. He was received on trial into the Annual Conference in 1902; Dr. William B. North, Presiding Elder, and Bishop A. W. Wilson, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 25th, 1904, at DeSoto, Missouri. He served the Diehlstadt Circuit, one year, and Campbell Circuit, two years. About seventy-five persons have been converted and received into th church under his ministry, on his own charges, and quite a number in meetings held for others. He attended the Rutherford, Tennessee, High School, Dickson, Tennessee, Normal College, three years at McFerrin College, Tennessee, and he is now at Vanderbilt University, where he will spend the next three years. He feels that his decision to yield to the call to preach and his acceptance of Christ has been the most important crisis in his life. He says he believes if he had not yielded when he did, he would have been eternally lost, as he feels it was his last chance. The following books are some that have helped him in his Christian life: "Imitation of Christ," "Personal Salvation," and "Pilgrim's Progress."

JOHN WESLEY,

THE POWER OF A GREAT PERSONALITY.

By Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

"Now we see not all things put under man, but we see Jesus" the Head standing for the members, and not only suffering for them but suffering with them in the confidence of the redemption of the race. Wesley saw and hoped, while Burke saw "the heavy slumber of humanity" and almost despaired. The death penalty for not less than two hundred and twenty-three offenses (such as injuring Westminster Bridge, shooting rabbits in somebody's game preserves, or stealing property worth five shillings), when whimpering boys were hurried to the gallows, told of a low estimate of humanity when its very decrease was hailed as a safeguard. Into such a state of society Wesley came with the gospel of salvation, which gave deliverance to the captives. In place of haranguing on the rights of man, he preached the love of God, which secured afresh the rights of man and saved England from the horrors of a French Revolution. The lifting power of John Wesley was in the power of the gospel that he preached and lived — the gospel of power because it was the gospel of love and of a sound mind. Only with a man at his best to work through has God ever wrought such miracles of saving grace. Despite all the strain, Wesley never despaired either because of the inertia to be overcome or the violence of the opposition which he encountered. His faith in the supernatural which inspired him was faith in the person of Christ, who was Lord over all, blessed for evermore. He made no allowance for any breaking point in man when girded by the mighty power of God. The century that witnessed the laying of the foundations of the British Empire and of Anglo-Saxon superiority in Asia and North America under Clive and Wolfe and Washington and Wellington was to witness the beginning of a fresh campaign for the conquest of the world—a campaign marked by a zeal for God and a faith in the redemption of man such as had not been known since the days of the apostles. The old gospel preached with new power, its claims upon the faith and obedience of the individual, and the obligation to share its truths with all mankind have done much to develop that power of individual initiative in the Anglo-Saxon that is the wonder and despair of other races. Wesley's wonderful Journal, with its minute accounts of this great campaign and its various battle plans to extend the kingdom of God, will be read with delight when Xenophon's "Anabasis" and Cæsar's "Commentaries" are forgotten. The true and everlasting kingdom, like Aaron's rod, will swallow up all the rest.

Wesley is a proof that grace is not the negation of nature but its completion. There was an unlovely period of Wesley's career, when he strongly inclined to asceticism and to a solitary religion—when he was yet seeking righteousness according to the law rather than the gospel. It was an abnormal and barren part of his life, when his zeal outran his knowledge. Perhaps it was a necessary period in that rich experience which enabled him the better to minister to those who were likeminded. But it was a brief period when he went about to establish his own righteousness. The true Wesley found Christ his true righteousness, and the best which he had inherited from his religious ancestors became bright and sunny with divine grace. Southey, who pronounced him one of the most genial of men, said: "Wesley's winning deportment rose from the benignity of his disposition." Dr. Whitehead, his physician and earliest biographer, described him as "easy and affable in his manners; he accommodated himself to every sort of company, and showed how happily the most finished courtesy could be blended with the most perfect piety. In conversation we might be at a loss whether to admire most his overflowing goodness of heart or his fine classical taste and extensive knowledge of men and things." Public-spirited and patriotic, he stood ready to raise troops in defense of his country or to subdue and transform its mobs and thus do what Pitt and Fox and Burke could not do against an impending revolution which found vent in curses and the guillotine in France, but yielded before hymns and field preaching in England.

CENTENNIAL CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

1. Who are admitted on trial? David R. Davis, Griffith L. R. Crook, Charles R. Brightwell, Edward T. Reid, Lee Massey, Wade H. Dees, Horace L. Nance, Benjamin L. Wright, John W. Bockman, Albert R. Sitton.

2. Who remain on trial? Robert E. Foard, Morse H. Markley, Franklin R. Poage, J. L. Proffit.

3. Who are discontinued? None.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Owen C. Coppage, Roy P. Basler, Jesse W. Duncan, William A. Tetley, John B. Wilburn.

5. Who are re-admitted? Charles N. Clark, a Deacon; Emerson V. Dowell, a Deacon.

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? S. R. Hayan, an Elder, and T. F. Rucker, a Deacon, from Texas Conference; J. M. Bradley, an Elder, and H. W. Whitnell, an Elder, North Mississippi; Arthur Trotter, an Elder, and J. T. Winstead, an Elder, Missouri; G. Reynolds, an Elder, Louisville; C. W. Wright, an Elder, Arkansas; C. D. Evans, an Elder, Memphis; C. F. Blackburn, an Elder, Florida; William Court, an Elder, Japan; Theodore Copeland, an Elder, Louisiana.

7. Who are the Deacons of one year? J. P. McDonald, W. E. Judy, R. S. Warren, E. V. Dowell, J. R. Bullington, T. F. Rucker.

8. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons? Owen C Coppage, William A Tetley, John B. Wilburn.

9. What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons? Owen C. Coppage, William A. Tetley, John B. Wilburn.

10. What local preachers are elected Deacons? William L. King, Edwin E. Burton, Harry Behr, Van Rice, Horace L. Nance, Robert E. Foard.

11. What local preachers are ordained Deacons? William L. King, Edwin E. Burton, Harry Behr, Van Rice, Horace L. Nance, Robert E. Foard.

12. What traveling preachers are elected Elders? Charles L. Dennis, Wilson E. Forsythe, A. Edgar Carson.

13. What traveling preachers are ordained Elders? Charles L. Dennis, Wilson E. Forsythe, A. Edgar Carson.

14. What local preachers are elected Elders? None.

15. What local preachers are ordained Elders? None.

16. Who are located this year? None.

17. Who are supernumerary? M. B. Chapman.

18. Who are superannuated? S. Richmond, W. P. Gibson, A. T. Tidwell, W. C. Enochs, W. S. Tyler, T. P. Hill, J. C. Croft, H. A. Smith, J. A. Russell, W. F. Talley.

19. What preachers have died during the past year? J. C. Berryman, C. E. DeVinney.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were severally called and their characters passed, except R. M. Tracey, who surrendered his credentials.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several Circuits, Stations and Missions of the Conference? 114 local preachers; 32,470 members.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 755.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 2,036.

34. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 113.

25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 3,883.

26. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 249.

27. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 2,337.

28 What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 26,052.

29. What was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Five per cent of all salaries.

30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? $4,194.84.

31. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, $7,515.32; Domestic, 4,479.02.

32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? $2,336.71.

33. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? $368.84.

34. What has been contributed for the support of Presiding Elders and preachers in charge? Presiding Elders, $10,259.70; Preachers in charge, $75,875.89.

35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? $1,153.80.

36. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of societies, 328; number of houses of worship, 275.

37. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, $1,123.600; indebtedness, $8,101.85.

38. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral charges, 123; number of parsonages, 99.

39. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, $145,820.00; indebtedness, $6,156.00.

40. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 6; number of district parsonages, 2.

41. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, $4,500.00; indebtedness, $900.00.

42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire and storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, none; amount of damage, none.

43. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, $537,605.00; losses sustained, none; premiums paid, $1,864.06; collections on losses, none.

44. What are the educational statistics? Marvin Collegiate Institute, valued at $50,000.00. One-third interest in Central Female College, $130,000.00, and one-third interest in Central College, $410,000.00.

45. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? West Plains.

46. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See list of appointments.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.



CHARLESTON CHURCH.

1806—CENTENNIAL APPOINTMENTS—1906.

CHARLESTON DISTRICT, H. P. CROW, P. E.

Charleston Station.....J. M. Bradley
Sikeston Station.....P. G. Thogmorton
Jackson Station.....M. T. Haw
Cape Girardeau Station....E. T. Adams
Caruthersville Station....L. F. Jackson
Hayti Station.....Arthur Trotter
Oran.....W. H. Whitnell
Blodgett.....J. M. England
New Madrid.....Grant Reynolds
Commerce.....J. O. Coppage
East Prarie and Anniston..E. K. Denton
Bertrand Circuit.....C. L. Fry
Morley and Richwoods....J. B. Wilburn
Benton.....B. L. Wright
Cairo Station.....J. T. Tracy
Portageville Circuit.....
.....Supplied by W. M. Holland
Cottonwood Circuit.....To be supplied
Chaffee Circuit.....Lee Massey
Parma Circuit.....H. L. Nance
Charleston Circuit.....
.....Supplied by M. S. Clack
Illmo and Edna.....
.....Supplied by Pleasant Rose
Belmont Mission.....To be supplied
Student in Asbury College.....
.....O. C. Coppage
Assistant Secretary of Church Extension.....Arthur Mather



REV. MARVIN TINSLEY HAW, LL.B.

He who helps us to lay hold on what is incorruptible helps
To make us immortal.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Rev. Marvin Tinsley Haw was born in 1867, at Charleston, Missouri. He is the son of Dr. Joseph L. Haw and Mary V. Haw, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in January, 1878, at Charleston, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. B. K. Thrower, and Rev. Irl R. Hicks, Evangelist. He was licensed to preach in September, 1890, at Cook Avenue Church, St. Louis, Missouri; Rev. F. R. Hill, Sr., pastor in charge, and Rev. T. M. Finney, D. D., Presiding Elder. The same Quarterly Conference at the same session recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and he was received into the Annual Conference on Tuesday before the session of the Annual Conference week; John C. Keener, Bishop, and Rev. Thomas M. Finney, D. D., Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway, at Kirkwood, Missouri, in September, 1892; was ordained Elder by Bishop Hendrix in 1894, at Fredericktown, Missouri. Brother Haw has served the following charges: Manchester Station, 1890-1892; Caledonia Circuit, 1892-1894; Cape Girardeau, 1894-1898; St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, 1898-1902; Charleston, 1902-1906; he is now stationed at Jackson, Missouri. He has received about seven hundred and twenty-seven persons into the church during the years of his ministry. The following churches and parsonages were built under his pastorates: St. Paul's Church, St. Louis, at a cost of $30,000; a $20,000 church at Charleston, and has begun a $32,000 church at Jackson, and the parsonage at Cape Girardeau. Brother Haw received his education at the public schools of Charleston and Farmington; at Belleview Collegiate Institute; at Central College, and received the degree of LL.B. from Washington University, St. Louis. He was married to Miss Nellie McSpaden, December 27th, 1894, and the names of their children are, Stuart McSpaden Haw, Joseph Lindsay Haw, Mary Lavinia Haw, and Flora Ellen Haw. He considers the call to the ministry as the most important crisis in his life. Some of the books which have greatly helped him are "Pilgrim's Progress," "Jesus," by Dr. C. F. Deems; "Plutarch's Lives," "Heroes and Heroism," by Carlyle; "Sesame and Lilies," by Ruskin, and "The Law of Love," by Hopkins. The study of law was a great delight and a great help to him, and he enjoyed it rather more than he did his college course.

REV. ELEAZAR TARRANT ADAMS, B. D.

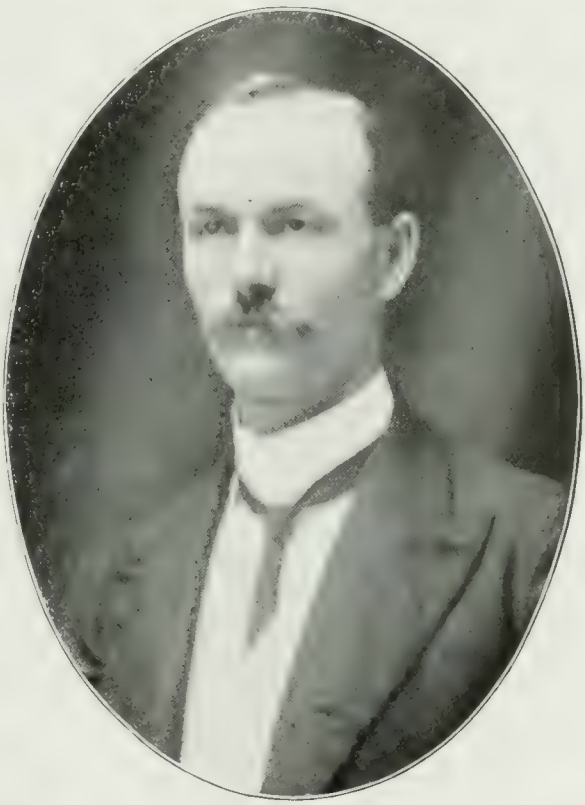
Christ alone has succeeded in so raising the mind of man towards The Unseen that it becomes insensible to the barriers of time and Space.—*Napoleon.*



Rev. Eleazar Tarrant Adams was born December 14th, 1871, in Currituck County, North Carolina. He is a son of Eleazar T. Adams and Lydia E. Adams, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted and joined the church when thirteen years of age under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Routen. He was only a boy and had not known the ways of sin and vice, but through the influence of a godly woman he was made to realize that he needed a Saviour and he gave his heart to God during an old fashioned protracted meeting at a country church. His Christian life had been one of steady growth, increasing with his knowledge of God's truth and his experience in saving others. The preaching of the Gospel is the deepest satisfaction of his soul. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Ashland, Virginia, in 1894; Rev. Mr. Green, pastor, and Dr. S. J. Brown, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the South Carolina Annual Conference for admission on trial July 10th, 1901, by the Cokesbury District Conference; and was received into the Annual Conference on trial September 27th, 1901; Rev. R. A. Child, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Charles B. Galloway, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald at Nashville, Tennessee, in November, 1898; ordained Elder by Bishop H. C. Morrison at London, Kentucky, in September, 1902. He has filled the following appointments: O'Neal Street Church, Newberry, S. C., as supply, from June 28th, 1901, to September 27th, 1901; Laurel Street Church, Rock Hill, S. C., 1901-1902; Southwest Missouri Conference, Lebanon Station, 1902-1903; Butler, Missouri, 1903-1905; St. Louis Conference, Cape Girardeau Station, 1905-1907, where he is now stationed. He has received about two hundred and seventy-four persons into the church during his ministry. The church at Butler, Missouri, was remodeled and enlarged, and a new stone church at Cape Girardeau is being built and a new parsonage bought, during his pastorate at these two places. He received his education at the public schools in North Carolina, Woodstown Academy, Woodstown, New Jersey, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, graduated with degree of B. A. from Randolph Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, and with the degree of B. D. from Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tennessee. He was married to Miss Bessie Jean Kirby, January 1st, 1902, and they have one little daughter, Marion Elizabeth Adams. He considers his decision to enter college and prepare himself for the ministry as the most important crisis in his life. Some of the books which have been most helpful to him, aside from the Bible, have been, "Systematic Theology," "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons," "The Foundation of the Christian Faith," "Personal Salvation," "The Social Teachings of Jesus," and the works of Newell Dwight Hillis.

REV. JOHN OSCAR COPPAGE.

Et ex plenitudine ipsius omnes accepimus, et gratiam pro gratia.
—St. John.
And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.



Rev. John Oscar Coppage was born April 20th, 1874, in Henry County, Missouri. He is a son of John Wesley Coppage and Lee Anora Coppage, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted December 17th, 1894, under the ministry of Rev. Alonzo Pattison, in Henry County, Missouri, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, December 20th, 1894. He had been under conviction for some weeks before the meeting began, and went to the altar several days and nights before he felt the sweet peace and assurance that he was a child of God. His growth in grace was steady for several years, and then there came a hungering and thirsting after a fuller and deeper Christian experience. God continued to give him light, which light he endeavored to live up to, but the things he would do he could not until grace and help and deliverance came to him through Christ. He was licensed to preach in Red Bluff, California, April 19th, 1896, by the Colusa District Conference; Rev. C. W. Hoag, pastor, and Rev. Samuel Brown, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference by the same District Conference April 19th, 1896; was received on trial in the Pacific Conference October 12th, 1896; Rev. Samuel Brown, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Hargrove, presiding at the Conference; ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler at Memphis, Missouri, September 4th, 1898, having been transferred to the Missouri Conference from the Pacific Conference in order that he might attend school at Central College; ordained Elder by Bishop Granbery, September 17th, 1900, at Fulton, Missouri, from which conference he received appointment as student to Vanderbilt University. Appointments served, first, Ono Circuit, May 1st, 1896, Pacific Conference; Millville Circuit, October 12th, 1896; Sulphur Creek Circuit, 1897; Student at Central College, 1898; also student in Central College, 1899-1900; at Vanderbilt University, 1900-1901; Lincoln Station, Pacific Conference, 1901-1902; Willows Station, 1902-1904; Commerce Station, St. Louis Conference, 1904-1907. Two hundred persons have been received into the church under his ministry. He received his education at the following schools: Hickory Grove public school, Shawnee Mound public school, State Normal, Warrensburg, Missouri, Central College, Fayette, Missouri, and Bible Institute (Moody), Chicago, Illinois. He was married to Miss Lucy G. Saunders July 16th, 1901, and they have two children, Lela G. P. Coppage and John Leo Coppage. His conversion and sanctification have been the most important crises in his life. Some of the books that have been most helpful to him, aside from the Bible, are "Ralston's Elements of Divinity," "Sam Jones' Sermons," "Can It Be False," and Poems of Coleridge, Tennyson, Wordsworth, "The Life of Livingston," "John G. Paton," "The Old Man," "Scriptural Sanctification," and "God's Financial Plan."



CARUTHERSVILLE CHURCH.

REV. LYMAN FORDYCE JACKSON.

Restrung by the mighty Master's hand, across those chords shall
Sweep symphonies of imperishable beauty.
—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*



Rev. Lyman Fordyce Jackson was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1863. He is the son of Rev. John J. Jackson and Hannah K. Jackson, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His father is now a superannuated member of the East Ohio Conference of said Church, having been on the active list nearly forty years. He was converted as a child under his father's ministry and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. After a brief affiliation with the Presbyterian Church, he returned to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he remained a member until he went to Louisiana, when he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. There was nothing unusual or out of the ordinary in his conversion. His growth in grace, he says, dates from the definite consecration to the service of God, which occurred in 1891. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Shreveport, Louisiana, City Mission, Rev. R. J. Harp, Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. M. Henry, pastor in charge, in 1891; was recommended for admission on trial into the Louisiana Conference by the Quarterly Conference of Shreveport First Church, in 1892; was received into the Annual Conference in December of that year; Rev. R. J. Harp, Presiding Elder, and Bishop C. B. Galloway, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Granbery, December 9th, 1894, at Louisiana Avenue Church, New Orleans; was ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, December 13th, 1896, at Ruston, Louisiana. He has served the following appointments: Shreveport City Mission, Louisiana Conference, supply, 1891-1892; as assistant to pastor of First Church at same place, 1892-1893; New Orleans, Algiers Church, 1893-1894; Alexandria, Louisiana, 1894-1897; Western Virginia Conference, Ashland, Kentucky, 1897-1900; Fairmount, West Virginia, 1900-1901; St. Albans, 1901-1903; Assistant Editor of Western Virginia Methodist Advocate and pastor in charge of Richwood, last half of year, 1903-1904; Riverside, 1904-1905; is now serving his second year at Caruthersville, in the St. Louis Conference. He has received about four hundred persons into the church. The First Church of the Shreveport City Mission, and Union Church, on Rievesville charge, West Virginia, were built under his pastorate. He was educated in the public schools of Ohio, and in the now extinct Harlem College, Ohio. He was married to Miss Gail Caldwell, of Wichita, Kansas, December 26th, 1893, and their children are: Eva A. Jackson, Ruthalia Jackson, Robert Abner Jackson and L. Paul Jackson. They have two boys, John C. Jackson and Lyman S. Jackson, who are now dead. Some books which have helped him, aside from the Bible, are Gesta Christi, Shakespeare, Wesley's Sermons, and Rollin's Ancient History. Brother Jackson thinks the Christian College exerts the largest influence on the character for the government under which it exists.

REV. CHARLES LEWIS FRY.

We know that there is nothing which is more productive of all
That makes life worth having than communion with God.
—Dr. F. B. Meyer.

Rev. Charles Lewis Fry was born July 27th, 1877, in Washington County, Virginia. He is a son of John Wesley Fry and Bettie Fry. He was converted in February, 1896, under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Hunter in Clay City, Illinois, and joined the church there the same month. He was convicted of sin a year before under the ministry of Rev. J. M. Smith, of Patoka, Illinois, but did not yield. After being at the altar for three services, he was converted on his way home alone. He has grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. The Lord has blessed his ministry and given him fruit, and he now holds closer communion with Christ through His Holy Spirit. He was licensed to preach May 28th, 1897, by the District Conference of Salem, Illinois; Rev. J. W. Westcott, Presiding Elder, and Rev. H. T. Strout, preacher in charge. He was recommended to the Illinois Annual Conference by the Salem District Conference in June, 1900, at Dix, Illinois, and was received into the Illinois Annual Conference in September, 1900; Rev. J. W. Westcott, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. C. Morrison, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. C. Morrison, October 4th, 1901, at Murphysboro, Illinois; was ordained Elder by Bishop A. Coke Smith, September 18th, 1904, at Patoka, Illinois. He has served the following charges: Keyesport and Centralia, 1900-1901; Keyesport, 1901-1902; Patoka Circuit, 1902-1903; Waverly Charge, 1903-1904; transferred to St. Louis Conference, and appointed to New Madrid Station, 1904-1906; his present work is at New Madrid. About ninety-eight members have been received into the church under his ministry. He has lately built a new church at Marston, Missouri, and he improved parsonages at several points. He attended the public and High Schools at Clay City, Illinois; Orchard City College, at Flora, Illinois; and was graduated from the High School and this last named college. He was married to Miss Jennie May Blacklidge November 14th, 1900, at Salem, Illinois, and they have two boys, John Newton Fry and Paul Torrey Fry. He considers as possibly the most important crisis in his life the time when he was appointed to the Keyesport and Centralia charge and spent the first month there as a single, timid and inexperienced boy. It took all the faith he had and all the grace he could get to keep him there and prevent his going back home and staying. Some of the books which have greatly helped him, aside from the Bible, are "On the Threshold," by Theo. Munger; Kern's "Ministry to Congregation," and "Quiet Talks on Power," by Gordon. He very strongly advocates the giving of every educated man a Christian education.

REV. EDWARD KENDRICK DENTON.

Under the right conditions it is as natural for Character to Become beautiful as for a flower.—*Drummond.*



Rev. Edward Kendrick Denton, son of James W. Denton and Sophia Shaw Denton, was born at the beginnig of the Civil War, near Spring Hill, Tennessee. He was converted when about sixteen years old at Mt. Zion Church, Maury County, Tennessee, under the ministry of Rev. J. G. Bolton, and joined the church at the same time. He had been a penitent for several days and was at the altar for prayer when he simply appropriated Christ as his personal Saviour and instantly realized peace and love. His growth in grace has been steady and uneventful; he has a strong and settled faith in his Lord and in His all-sufficiency. He was licensed to preach when about seventeen years old by the Quarterly Conference of Williamson County, Tennessee; Rev. J. G. Bolton, preacher in charge, and Rev. R. V. Ransom, Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of Spring Hill, Tennessee; received into the Annual Conference on trial at Pulaski, Tennessee, in the fall of 1880; Rev. R. K. Hargrove, Presiding Elder, and Bishop J. C. Keener, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop H. N. McTyeire in Chapel of Vanderbilt University in 1879, while a student there; ordained Elder by Bishop Paine at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in 1883. Appointments filled: Smithville Station, one year; Porta Station, two years; Centerville, two years; Green, Nashville District, two years; South Station, one year; Ashland City Circuit, one year; transferred to West Texas Conference, where he remained nine years, filling some of the best stations, viz: Gonzales, Corpus Christi, Tuling, San Angelo, San Saba, Goliad, etc.; transferred back to Tennessee Conference, then at Cumberland City, two years; East End, Nashville, two years; Savannah, one year. About one thousand persons have been received into the church under his ministry. The church at Ashland City, Tennessee, and one in the Nashville District named for him, Denton Chapel, were built under his pastorate; also new church at Cumberland City. Aside from the country schools, he attended school at Columbia, Tennessee; Chapel Hill, Tennessee, and Vanderbilt University from which he graduated in theology in 1879. He was married to Miss Mattie Lee Denton April 13th, 1887, and they only had one child, Eddie Lee Denton, who died in infancy. "The Man of Gallilee," by Bishop Haygood: Drummond's Works, and others of similar character, have been books that have helped him most, aside from the Bible. He was readmitted into the St. Louis Conference in 1905 and has served Thayer and East Prairier.

REV. RICHARD FERDINAND COLBURN.

Received by faith, the death of Christ has taken root in millions
Of souls.—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. Dr. Richard Ferdinand Colburn was born March 31st, 1814, in Green County, Tenn., and died January 2nd, 1876, in Little Rock, Arkansas. He joined the St. Louis Conference about 1840, and served the Deep Water Circuit, Harrisonville Circuit, and Independence Station. He was married to Miss Parthenia Taize Tackett in 1845, while filling the above station. Lexington and Georgetown were his following stations. He was transferred by Bishop Capers to the Memphis Conference and stationed at Trenton, Tennessee, then Oxford and Grenada, Mississippi. He was transferred in 1845 to the Arkansas Conference and stationed at Fort Smith, and thence to Van Buren. After four years residence at the latter place, two of which as pastor, and two as surgeon in the Confederate army, he took charge of the Methodist pulpit in Little Rock, remaining as pastor during the last two years of the Civil war. From Little Rock he removed to Tulip, filling the Tulip Circuit. His last work was the station of Hot Springs, being superannuated on account of failing health. Little Rock was his home for a number of years prior to his death. He was twice elected as Chaplain of the Arkansas State Senate, and died during the second session. He was a man honored and beloved, either as pasotr or physician.



MRS. PARTHENIA TAIZE (TACKETT) COLBURN.

Mrs. Parthenia Taize Colburn, widow of Rev. R. F. Colburn, was born April 8th, 1824, at Union, West Virginia. At the age of fifteen she removed with her parents to Lafayette, near Lexington, Missouri. When sixteen years of age she accepted a position as teacher in the Shawnee Mission School, then in charge of Rev. Thomas Johnson, but shortly after he was succeeded by Rev. Jerome C. Berryman. After a year of delightful work, she was called to her home by the illness and death of her mother. May 29th, 1845, she was married to Rev. R. F. Colburn. They made their first home after marriage with Rev. Jesse Green, Presiding Elder of the district. She is now in her eighty-fourth year of age, and has made her home for the past eight years at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Butler, of San Dimas, California. She is in excellent health and vigor, and rarely misses a Sunday service, and keeps posted on all the social and religious topics of the day. The St. Louis Christian Advocate furnishes her much pleasure, bringing up names, scenes and tender memories of the past. Her head, heart and hands are never idle, but always planning and working for the happiness of others.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.



REV. JOSEPH JOSHUA LOVETT.

1806—CENTENNIAL APPOINTMENTS—1906.

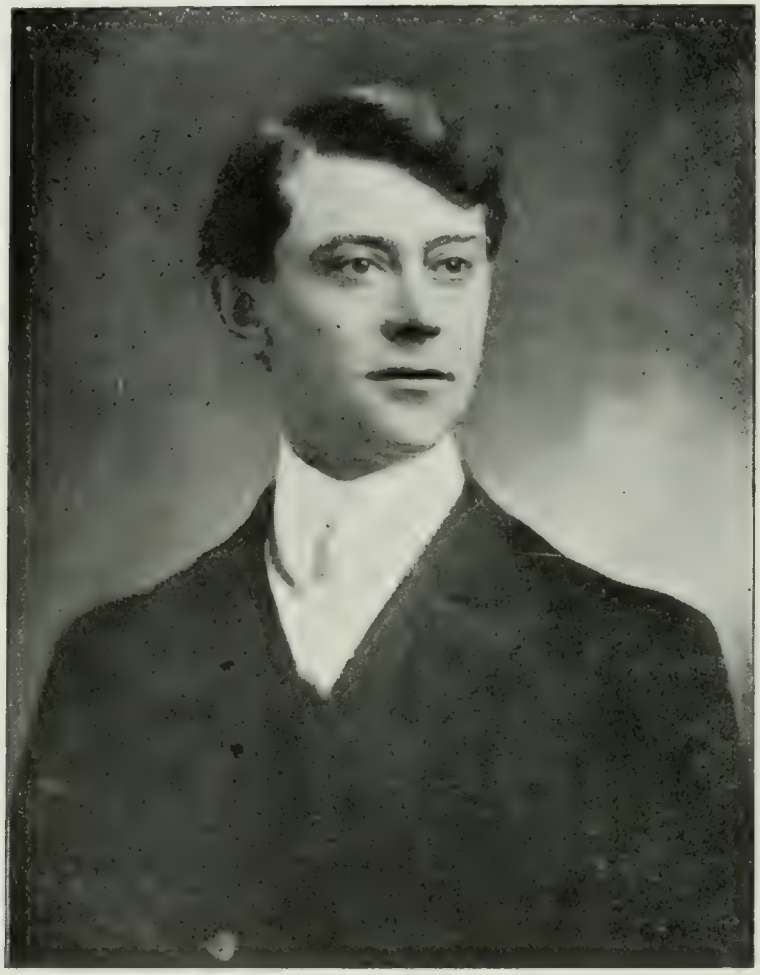
WEST PLAINS DISTRICT.

J. J. Lovett.....Presiding Elder
West Plains Sta.....C. N. Clark
Thayer Sta.....E. V. Dowell
Houston and Licking.....R. E. Foard
Alton Ct.....S. C. Biffle
Garfield Ct.....To be supplied
Moody Ct.....To be supplied
West Plains Ct.....J. T. Winstead
Pine Ct.....W. H. Paschal
Birch Tree Ct.....W. E. Judy
Cabool Ct.....Sup. by William Boutwell
Montier Ct.....B. S. McCann
Summerville Ct.....Sup. by H. A. Buff
Ellington Ct.....R. S. Warren
Centerville Ct.....J. M. King
Van Buren Ct.....John W. Bockman
Grandin Ct.....R. D. Kennedy
Shiloh Ct.....Sup. by M. A. Myers

REV. JOSEPH JOSHUA LOVETT.

Sainthood and manhood are the resultants of neither Heredity Nor Environment, but are the splendid achievements of the Life Of God in the human spirit.—*Dr. William A. Quayle.*

Rev. Joseph Joshua Lovett was born January 21st, 1857, in Clark County, Mississippi. His father was James Pierce Lovett and his mother was a daughter of John Bass. All of his ancestors on both sides have been Methodists for years. He was converted October 7th, 1875, at Andrew Chapel Church, in Clark County, Mississippi, under the ministry of Rev. Duncan A. Little, and joined the church at Old Liberty church in the same county and state, under the ministry of Rev. George M. Gilmore. He had been reared by religious parents, his mother having died when he was twelve years old. She had lived a most consistent life of faith and was thoroughly consecrated to God, hence she died a most triumphant death, shouting the praises of God almost to the last; this made a very deep impression on him. He became constant in his attendance at church and Sunday School, but was converted only when he felt that his case was a desperate one. He fully consecrated himself to God years ago and God wonderfully blessed him He has no recollection of spending as much as twenty hours since his conversion without the peace of God in his heart. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Walnut Grove Circuit, Brandon District, Mississippi Conference, June 17th, 1873; Rev. Newton B. Young was the pastor, and Rev. Will Lieth was the Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Shubuta Charge, Meridian District, in November, 1879; was received on trial into the Annual Conference at Meridian in 1879; Rev. Ransom J. Jones, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Brookhaven, Mississippi, in 1881; he was ordained Elder by Bishop W. M. Duncan at Natchez, Mississippi, in 1887. He has served the following appointments: Springhill Circuit, as junior preacher with Rev. D. A. Little, one year; Spring Cottage Mission, one year; Covington Circuit, Louisiana, one year; Franklinton, Louisiana, one year; Scranton, Mississippi, one year; Americus Circuit, one year; Vancleave Circuit, two years; Mt. Olivet, two years; transferred to Indian Mission Conference and appointed to Tahlequah Station, three years; Wynewood Station, one year; Cherokee District, one year; Muskogee District, three years; financial agent for Harrell Institute, now Spaulding College, one year; editor of Conference organ, Indian-Oklahoma Methodist in Oklahoma City, two years; pastor of Oklahoma City a part of one year while editor; McAlester, one year; South McAlester, one year; Durant, one year; Tishomingo, one year and four months, when he secured a transfer to the St. Louis Conference and stationed at Jackson; Presiding Elder West Plains District. Several churches and parsonages on the different districts where he worked were partly built or remodeled. He received his education at the Academy at Sumpterville, Alabama, and at Harpersville College, at Harpersville, Mississippi. He was married the first time to Miss Lizzie Rawls, November 15th, 1881, and she died February 8th, 1883, leaving a little babe three months old. He was married again May 14th, 1884, to Mrs. S. J. Hightower. He has one daughter, Mrs. Ruby C. Tathwell. Brother Lovett believes that the higher education of our young men and women today should be the work of the church schools.



REV. C. N. CLARK.

New Ideals, new issues, and new methods are the necessary Outflow of new Hearts.—*Bishop Atkins.*

Rev. C. N. Clark, son of Henry A. Clark and Elendor A. Clark, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born at Elm Store, Arkansas, January 28th, 1878. He was converted at Elm Store in August, 1894, under the ministry of Rev. L. L. Whitehead, and joined the Church the same month at Myrtle, Missouri, on the Garfield Circuit, in the St. Louis Conference. He was licensed to preach by the West Plains District Conference in May, 1895; Rev. H. A. Smith, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Charleston District Conference in May, 1900; received on trial in 1900, Bishop Granbery, presiding; ordained a Local Deacon by Bishop Granbery at St. Louis, Missouri, in September, 1900. He has served the following charges: Black Rock, Portia and Powhatton, Arkansas; Sikeston, Missouri, and West Plains, Missouri. He has received about three hundred persons into the Church under his ministry. His education was obtained at public schools and at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.

REV. JOHN TAYLOR WINSTEAD.

The more intense His action grows, the holier becomes the Soul and the purer the Church.—*Dr. Fairbairn.*



Rev. John Taylor Winstead was born September 18th, 1855, in Clinton County, Missouri. He is the son of William T. Winstead and Hannah Winstead, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in a protracted meeting held at Round Prairie Church, in Clinton County, Missouri, but had joined the Church about a year before under the ministry of Rev. D. R. Shackelford. Since the time of his conversion he has earnestly desired to know more of God, and to this end has read and prayed much. While in a protracted meeting at Edgerton, Missouri, in the winter of 1890, he obtained the blessing of perfect love, and now feels a deeper love for God, the Church and the sinner. He was licensed to preach August 8th, 1875, by the Quarterly Conference of Osborn Circuit; Rev. D. F. Bone, preacher in charge, and Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder; and at the same time and by the same Quarterly Conference, he was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. He was received into the Annual Conference in 1875, at Glasgow, Missouri; Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder, and Bishop J. C. Keener, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Enoch M. Marvin, September 2nd, 1877, at Atchison, Kansas; ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Keener, August 24th, 1879, at Council Grove, Kansas. Brother Winstead has served the following charges: Western Conference, Nebraska City Circuit, two years; Winfield Circuit, two years; Empire City, one year; Parsons Circuit, one year; Fairmount and Kickapoo Circuit, one year; Missouri Conference, Maysville Mission, junior preacher under Rev. Charles Babcock, one year; Holt Circuit, three years; Kingston, one year; Edgerton, four years; Cameron, one year; Millville, three years; St. Joseph Circuit, two years; Dearborn, two years; Norborne, three years; Triplett, four years; St. Louis Conference, West Plains Circuit, one year. About seven hundred and twenty-five persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. The church at Millville was built under his pastorate, and the church at DeKalb, in Platte County, Missouri, begun. His education was obtained at the public schools. He was married to Miss Pernecy Adelaide Bryan, October 4th, 1882, and their children are: William Thomas Winstead, Moses O'Bryen Winstead, Palmore Taylor Winstead and George Charles Bolen Winstead. They have two boys dead, Matthew Winstead and Paul Jones Winstead. Some of the books which have been most helpful to him, aside from the Bible, are Wesley's Sermons, Ralston's Elements of Divinity" and "The Life of Stonewall Jackson."

REV. SEBASTIAN CABOT BIFFLE.

Beati qui sunt pacifici: quoniam filii Dei vocabunter. Blessed are The peacemakers; for they shall be called the Children of God.—*Jesus.*

By Rev. W. J. Heys.



Brother Biffle was born of good Methodist parents in Wayne County, Tennessee, December 24th, 1848. When he was eight years old his father moved to Missouri and settled in Bollinger County, where Brother Biffle grew to manhood

He cannot remember the time when he did not love God. He professed religion at Pleasant Valley on the Fredericktown Circuit. September, 1866, and in the following month was received into the Church at that place by Rev. G. C. Knowles. His conversion was of the gentle type; like Lydia, he was one whose heart the Lord opened. When he went to the altar he believed that he was already a Christian. Possessed of a meek and quiet spirit, he has steadily grown in grace.

He has always been a peacemaker; where friction existed, with charity and kindness he covered the irritant with a deposit of his own pearl-like nature.

With his years of service his will to do good grows stronger, communion with God is sweeter, and his character is steadily ripening under the influences of God's grace.

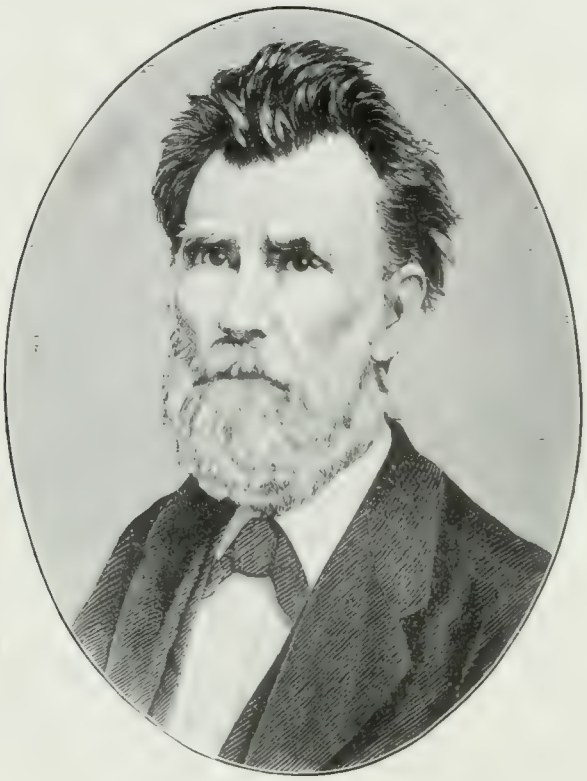
He was licensed to preach August 30th, 1893, at the Marble Hill Circuit, Quarterly Conference, by Rev. David J. Marquis, P. E., and Rev. J. R. Eddlemon, P. C. He was recommended for admission to the Annual Conference by the Gayoso Circuit Quarterly Conference, July 25th, 1874. At the ensuing Annual Conference, which met at Caledonia, he was received on trial, Bishop Keener, presiding, and Rev. David J. Marquis, Presiding Elder. Two years later he was ordained Deacon September 18th, 1876, at Washington, Missouri, by Bishop H. N. McTyeire. At Charleston he was ordained Elder, October 13th, 1878, by Bishop D. S. Doggett.

His appointments have been: Houston Circuit, twice; Greenville Circuit, Oak Ridge Circuit, Poplar Bluff Circuit, Marquand Circuit, Farmington Circuit, Lutesville Circuit, Doniphan Circuit, Grand Prairie Circuit, twice, Advance Circuit, Grandin and Van Buren Circuit, Lowndes Circuit, and Holcomb Circuit; Grand Prairie he served five years; Farmington and Advance Circuits, four years each, and Greenville and Lutesville Circuits, three years each. During his ministry he has received into the Church 1,462 persons. Brother Biffle has been very successful as a church builder. The following churches and parsonages were erected through his instrumentality: Shiloh Church, Naylor Church, Bethel Church and Grand Prairie parsonage, on the Grand Prairie Circuit; Advance Church, Douglass Grove Church and Marlow Chapel on the Holcomb Circuit.

Brother Biffle obtained his education in the country schools and spent one winter and spring at Belleview Collegiate Institute. He had a first grade teachers' certificate and taught several schools.

He married Miss Annie Allbright November 3rd, 1874. They have three children living, named Atticus L. Biffle, Mary C. Biffle and Sebastian C. Biffle, Jr.

He regards his decision to give his life to the work of the itinerant ministry as the most important event in his life.



JUDGE JOHN R. WOODSIDE.

The crown of manhood is a winter joy;
An evergreen that stands the Northern blast,
And blossoms in the rigour of our fate.—*Young.*

Judge John R. Woodside, a pioneer layman in Methodism, was born in Franklin County, Kentucky, August 3rd, 1814, and died at Thomasville, in Oregon County, Missouri, February 28th, 1887. In 1839 he was married to Miss Emily H. Old, a cultured lady, and in 1844 moved to Oregon County. The year following he was admitted to the bar, served as Circuit Clerk for Oregon County, and was Circuit Attorney for the Fourteenth Circuit of Missouri from 1850 to 1854, and a member of the Legislature in 1860. He was elected Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in 1872, and held the position until his death. From the bench he was governed by the same Christian spirit that actuated him in private life. Never was man more universally loved and respected than was Judge Woodside, and to his influence is largely due the strong hold that Methodism acquired in the great territory, where his active energies were expended. He was an official in the Methodist Church for forty years, and greatly devoted to its interests. His religious convictions were deep and his charity broad. Narrowness and bigotry found no place in his heart, and scarcely a church edifice was erected anywhere in his section of the state that he did not lend his aid, regardless of sect or creed. His heart and purse were at all times open to the call of need, and he was foremost in every enterprise to advance the moral and material interests of the undeveloped region, in which he had chosen to live.

The end of a noble and well-spent life came in a most fitting manner. While offering a prayer on a Sabbath morning in his home church he was stricken down by apoplexy and was unconscious to the end, which came a few hours later. His wife and five children still survive him—Captain J. Posey Woodside, lawyer, of Alton; L. B. Woodside, Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, of Salem; Mrs. Hattie B. Pitts, of West Plains; Mrs. W. McClelland, and Miss Missouri Woodside, of Thayer, are his surviving children, all of whom are prominent in Methodism.



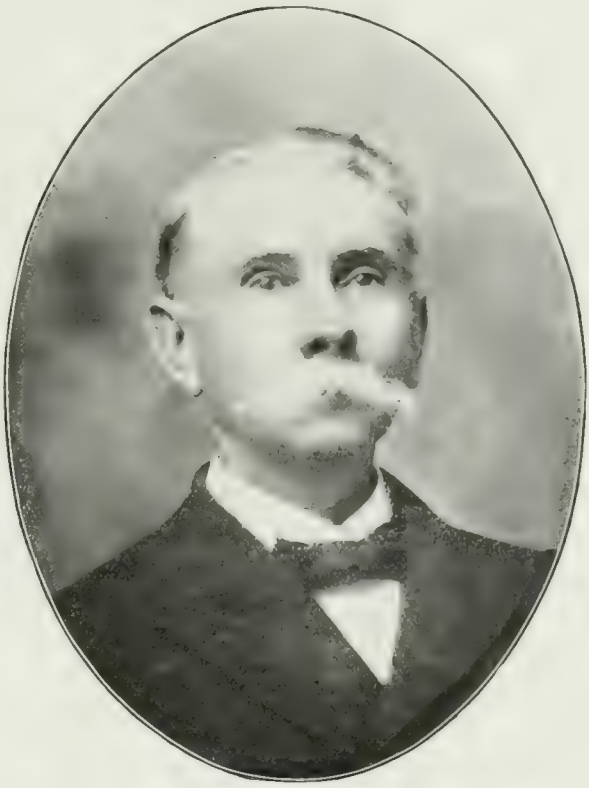
REV. JAMES MONROE KING.

By making God a new being to man, man was made a new Being for the service of God.—*Dr. Fairbairn.*

Rev. James Monroe King was born August 10th, 1855, at Farmington, Missouri. He is the son of William T. King and Mary King, who were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, all of their lives. He was converted in childhood and was baptized and received into the church by Rev. L. F. Aspley in September, 1875. He was converted in childhood and was baptized and received into the Church by Rev. L. F. Aspley in September, 1875. He has been obedient to the Church since childhood, attending its ordinances, and living as near a Godly life as he knew how. He loved the house of God and labored to build up His cause. While a teacher his chief desire was to bring his pupils to Christ. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Troy Circuit, Memphis Conference, November 14th, 1891; Rev. L. O. Lanier, preacher in charge, and Rev. W. T. Harris, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of Fairdealing Circuit, St. Louis Conference, May 11th, 1895; was received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1896, at Charleston, Missouri; Bishop A. W. Wilson, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Charles B. Galloway at Jackson, Missouri, September 29th, 1895; ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Granbery, September 24th, 1900, at St. Louis, Missouri. Brother King has filled the following appointments: Bloomfield Circuit, two years; Holcomb Circuit, one year; Williamsville Circuit, one year; Lowndes Circuit, Charleston Circuit, Plattin Circuit, two years; Marble Hill Circuit, Pocahontas Circuit, Bloomfield Circuit, Oran Station, one year; Centerville Circuit. His ministry has been greatly blessed of God, and hundreds of persons have been converted and united with the Church under his ministry. He received his education at public and private schools. He has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Julia R. Eads, to whom he was married April 16th, 1879, and who died October 11th, 1895; and his present wife, who was Miss Martha M. Chasteen, to whom he was married, March 31st, 1896. Their children are Omer M. King, Bessie Lee King, Mary King, Arthur Galloway King, Clarence B. King, Raymond King and Lucile Hallie King. Some of the books that have been most helpful to him, aside from the Bible, are "Watson's and Ralston's Elements of Divinity," "Hopkins' Law of Love," and "Love a Law."

REV. WILLIAM HARRISON PASCHALL.

Let it be enough that God is in your history, that the plan of Your biography is His, and the issues he has set for it the Highest and best.—*Dr. Bushnell.*



Rev. William Harrison Paschall, son of William M. Paschall and Sarah A. Paschall, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born October 26th, 1852, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. He was converted in May, 1873, at Louisa Chapel, Frenchmen's Bayou Circuit, under the ministry of Rev. A. Conley, and joined the Church at the same time and place. There was a wonderful manifestation of the presence and power of God's great mercy in the meeting in which he was converted and a great number of his associates were being saved. He became alarmed about his condition, spoke to his mother about it and asked her to plead with the Lord in his behalf until he was saved. A great load was upon his heart, but that night he surrendered to God and the load was all taken away. He has grown in grace since that day and from that time had a strong desire to go out and work for God by saving men through preaching His Holy Word. He was licensed to preach October 3rd, 1874, by the Quarterly Meeting of Frenchmen's Bayou Circuit, Mississippi District; Rev. W. R. Young, preacher in charge, and Rev. W. R. Foster, Presiding Elder. The same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and he was received into the Annual Conference in 1874, at Searcy, Arkansas; Rev. W. R. Foster, Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, November 18th, 1877, at Augusta, Arkansas; was ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 28th, 1888, at Bonne Terre, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: White River Conference, Arkansas, Pumpkin Bend Circuit, one year; Tyronza Mission, two years; Langeel Circuit, one year; Tyronza Mission, two years; Walnut Ridge Circuit, one year; 1884, located at his own request, and was re-admitted in St. Louis Conference, at Piedmont, Mo., in 1886, and served Doniphan Circuit, one year; Greenville Circuit, three years; Van Buren Circuit, three years; Advance Circuit, three years; Fairdealing Circuit, one year; Shiloh Circuit, three years; Ellington Circuit, one year; Manchester and Fenton, one year; Rolla Circuit, three years; Greenville Circuit, one year; transferred to Missouri Conference in 1904, and appointed to Mexico Circuit, one year; transferred back to St Louis Conference and superannuated one year, but supplied Stoutland Circuit, Southwest Missouri Conference, six months of that time; sent to Pine Circuit, 1906. About one thousand persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. His education was obtained in the public schools. Brother Paschall has been married three times, the first time to Mrs. Nancy S. Lewis in 1876; she died in March, 1880; and he was married to Miss Etta J. Bates, April 30th, 1883; she died in December, 1905; and he was married to Mrs. Mary E. Ford in September, 1906. His children are: Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. Restes Rowden, Emil L. Paschall, Roy J. Paschall and Paul E. Paschall.



ELMA ALICE COPELAND.

When Christ's ideal Church is realized, it will be a Church of The Children.—*Bishop Atkins.*

Elma Alice Copeland, the fifth and youngest child of Lee Copeland and Alice Copeland, was born December 27th, 1899. Her coming brought joy and sunshine into the home until October 25th, 1906, when her pure spirit returned to God who gave it. Having had diphtheria in its worst form, she was growing much better, when one lung became involved, which was too much for her frail constitution in its weakened state. When two months old, her parents had her baptized, the Rev. Dr. W. B. North officiating. Her first years were filled with little incidents peculiar to infancy. By the time she had reached the age of four, the Sunday School was a great attraction, which interest continued to grow until the preaching service was equally as interesting to her. When almost five years old her brothers and sister were taken into the Church. This incident seemed to make a deep impression on her little life, often expressing the wish that she was old enough to take part when the Sacrament was administered. When about six years old she was told that it was not required by the Church that one should be a certain age before they were permitted to confess before the world their love for the Master. After that time on every occasion of the Lord's Supper, she was one of the faithful ones. Rev. T. M. Jackson, Presiding Elder during this time, in a letter written to her parents after her death, said, "Well do I remember her pure, precious form as she knelt at the Lord's table." It was a pleasure to her to pay her pastor from her own earnings, an amount far in excess of ten per cent. She was filled with rapturous joy at the sight of flowers or the sound of music, her favorite song being , "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." At each session of the Sunday School she was almost sure to request her mother to sing this song. Her little body rests near the church, where she loved so well to attend divine worship. Her life was a help to others.

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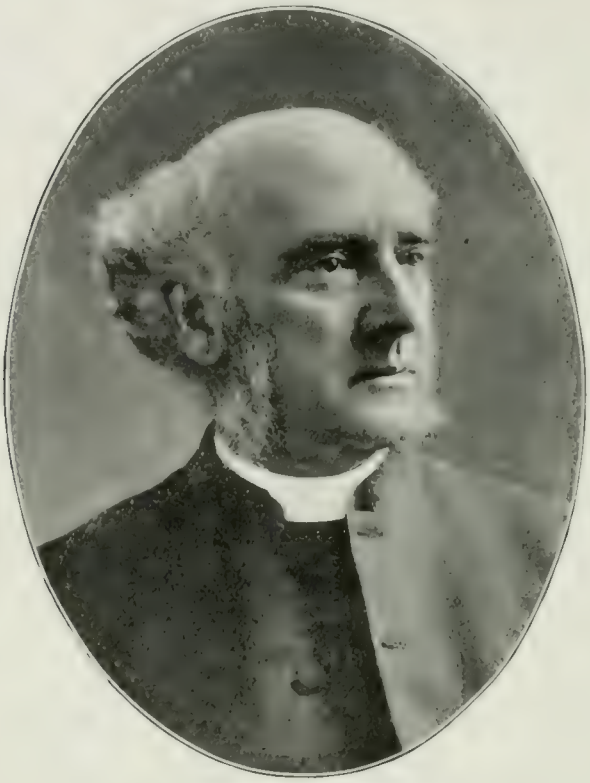


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Kansas City-Westport.....A. H. Barnes
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.....U. V. Wyatt
Kansas City-Dallas and Martin City
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Independence.....O. M. Rickman
Independence Ct.....J. B. Swinney
Swope.....R. J. Pyle
Belton.....T. M. Cobb
Harrisonville.....L. F. Clark
Pleasant Hill.....R. G. Flummer
Lee's Summit.....L. F. Shook
Lone Jack Ct.....I. E. Wood
Oak Grove and Pleasant Prairie....
.....J. T. Pritchett
Blue Springs Ct.....W. H. Suddath
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.....H. D. Huffine
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REV. ZACHARIAH MITCHELL WILLIAMS, A.M., D.D.

Toward nature, and man, and God, he experiences the deepest Sensibilities; he finds beauty for the eye, and music for the ear, And love for the heart.—*Bishop Marvin.*

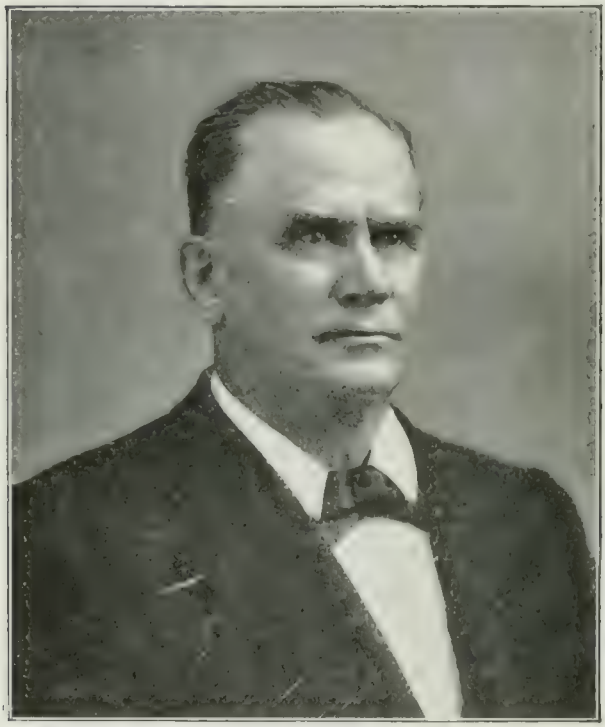
By Rev. J. T. Pritchett.



Rev. Zachariah Mitchell Williams was born August 22nd, 1855, near New Harmony, Pike County, Missouri. With the blue blood of Virginia was mingled the military strain of Germany from his maternal ancestry. Strong in heredity, an early environment of religious activity, consecrated Christianity, well directed industry and judicious frugality, made for the boy a splendid and auspicious preparation for manhood. At about the age of seventeen he was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by the Rev. L. F. Lynn, at New Harmany. Receiving a call to preach in the spring and an exhorter's license, June 3rd, he entered Central College in the fall of 1876. After two years at Central, during which time a license to preach was granted him by the Fayette Quarterly Conference, his college work was interrupted for one year, spent in teaching and serving Auburn Circuit, St. Charles District. Four more years work at Central College graduated him with the Master's degree in June, 1883. During the summer of 1880, he supplied the work at Jefferson City, being also chaplain of the State prison. Between graduation and conference, Mr. Williams was Assistant Secretary of the St. Louis Young Men's Christian Association, and served Carondelet Church in 1883 and 1884. Recommended by the Quarterly Conference of St. John's Church, he was received on trial by the Missouri Conference at Shelbina in the fall of 1884, Bishop Parker, presiding. His appointment was Arch Street, Hannibal, which he served two years, receiving ninety-five members into the church. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Granbery in St. John's church, October 31st, 1883, and Elder by Bishop McTyeire at St. Joseph, in 1886. For two years he served the church at Gallatin, where, on September 12th, 1888, he was married to Miss Ida Elnora Yates. After three years at Chillicothe and two years at Tenth Street and Centenary in St. Joseph, he was appointed to Gallatin District. Under his administration, 1893-1897, the Gallatin District paid in full the Foreign Missionary claim, a thing no District of the Missouri Conference had ever done before. In the fall of 1897, he was elected to the presidency of Central College for young ladies. His labors here for six years, arduous and exacting, stand as a monument to energy, indefatigability and executive skill. By raising the standard of scholarship, and at the same time establishing the Institution on a solid financial basis by adding to its assets nearly forty thousand dollars, he brought the College to its present position. In June, 1901, his *Alma Mater* worthily conferred upon him the title of Doctor of Divinity. With this year he finishes his quadrennium as Presiding Elder of Kansas City District, marking the period with most substantial gains in both material and spiritual development. Painstaking in plans, strong as a gospel preacher, unwearying in labor, self-sacrificing in service, unswerving in duty, winning by work where obstacles seemed insurmountable, from school days to manhood's noon, his life has been of inestimable value to his friends and his church, while there is sure promise of a larger usefulness.

REV. NATHAN SCARRITT, D.D.

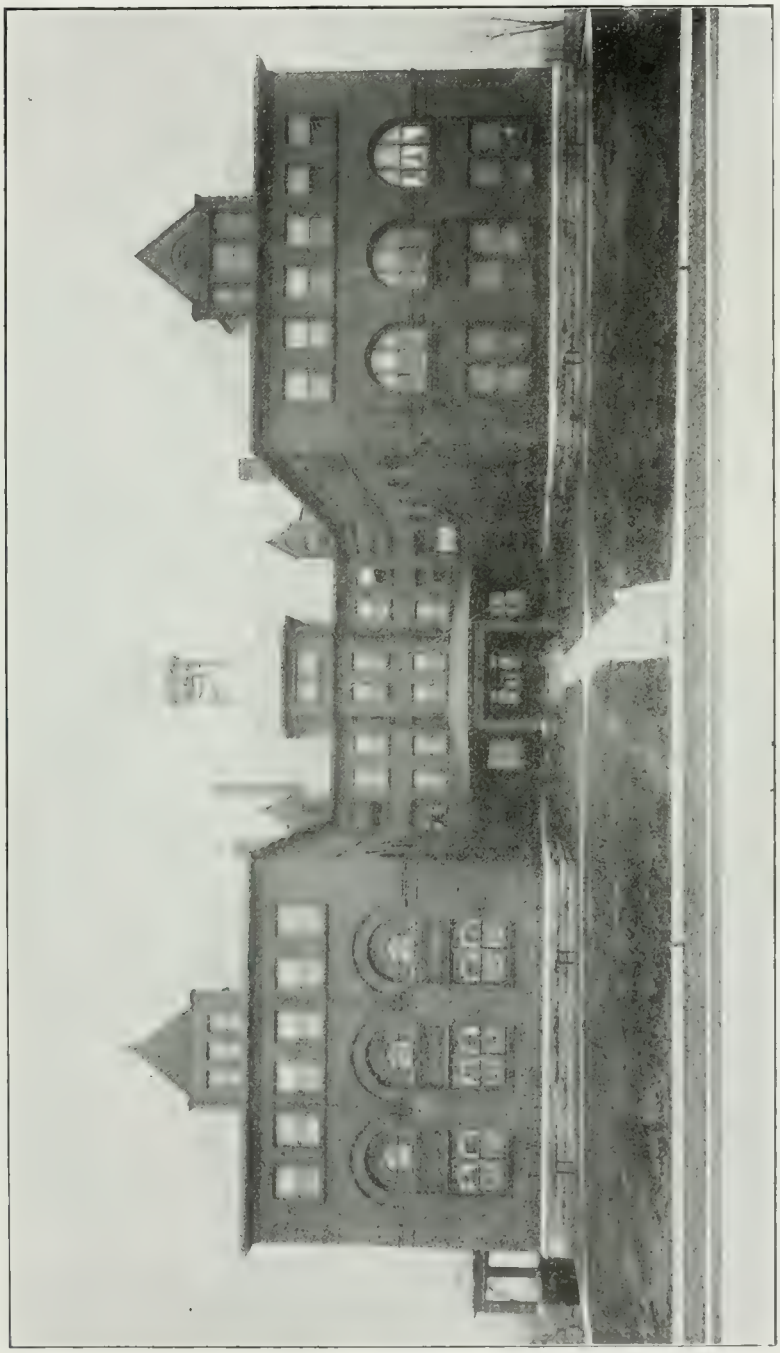
God's own Spirit will aid the knowledge which is the sister of Humility, the handmaid of religion, the counsellor of virtue, the Champion of truth.—*Canon Farrar.*



Nathan Scarritt was born in Edwardsville, Illinois, on April 24th, 1821, the seventh child of Nathan Scaritt and Latty Alds who a few months before arrived from Lyman, New Hampshire, seeking a good farm in the prairie lands of Illinois. Here on what was long known as "Scarritt's Prairie," where is now the town of Monticello with its famous school for girls, young Scarritt grew up on his father's farm until at sixteen years of age he entered the Preparatory Department of McKendree College where he graduated some five years later as valedictorian of his class. In the meantime he worked his way through college, clearing the campus and doing other things to bring his expenses within his meagre income. After teaching school at Waterloo, Illinois, for some two years following his graduation, that he might pay up all his debts incurred while at college, Mr. Scarritt in April, 1845, came to Fayette, Missouri, to be associated with his brother-in-law, Rev. William T. Lucky, in the conduct of Howard High School, out of which have since grown Central College and Howard-Payne College. In 1857 he was chosen as the first president of Central College, whose founding he had strongly advocated, to whose interests he was ever devoted, dying a member of its Board of Curators.

Dr. Scarritt, for so he became by the action of McKendree College in 1876, was always looked upon as an available man for any emergency, by virtue of his superior education and rare wisdom and executive ability, and so was much used in developing our work among the Indians to whom he gave some of the best years of his life, in the Kansas Conference where he rendered valuable service as Presiding Elder, as frequent pastor in Kansas City where in impaired health he spent the last twenty years of his life, and often as delegate to the General Conference. Dr. Scarritt founded the well-known Scarritt Bible and Training School for Missionaries and Other Christian Workers, and was a liberal benefactor of Central College, Central Female College and Neosho Collegiate Institute. These benefactions were made possible as the result of wise investments made in early life out of his savings as a teacher. His noble wife, Miss Matilda M. Chick, the mother of his nine children, always co-operated with him.

In 1875 Dr. Scarritt married the widow of his brother, Mr. Isaac Scarritt of Alton, Illinois. She was born in India, the daughter of a devoted missionary and did much to develope an intelligent and abiding missionary interest throughout the Church. Some five years after the death of Dr. Scarritt she married Bishop R. K. Hargrove and removed to Nashville, where she did much in organizing the flourishing Home Missionary work of our Church. Dr. Scarritt died during the General Conferference of 1890 of which he was a member and that body put upon the records their high estimate of his character and work and the wisdom of his noble benefactions and counsels of a half century.



SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

REV. JAMES CHARLTON MORRIS, D. D.

Beati qui sunt mundo corde: quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.—*Jesus.*

Dr. James Charlton Morris was born in Georgetown, Kentucky, July 7th, 1838. His father, James R. Morris, was a Presbyterian, and his mother, Davidella H. Morris, a Methodist. He was converted and joined the church in Lexington, Kentucky, in July, 1865. He was licensed to preach in August, 1865, by the Quarterly Conference at Georgetown, Kentucky; Presiding Elder, Rev. John G. Bruce. He was recommended by the same Quarterly Conference and admitted on trial in September, 1865, to the Kentucky Conference; was received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1865, Rev. John G. Bruce, Presiding Elder, Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh presiding. The order of his appointments in the different Conferences are as follows: Kentucky Conference: Tilton Circuit, 1865-1866; Maysville, Kentucky, 1866-1867; Danville, Kentucky, 1867-1869; Paris, Kentucky, 1869-1873; Millersburg, Kentucky, 1873-1874. Louisville Conference: Walnut St., Louisville, 1874-1878; Chestnut St., Louisville, 1878-1880; Walnut St., Louisville, 1880-1883. Denver Conference: Denver, Colorado, 1883-1885. Southwest Missouri Conference: Walnut Street, Kansas City, 1885-1888; Lydia Avenue, Kansas City, 1888-1890. North Alabama Conference: First Church, Birmingham, Ala., 1891-1895. Tennessee Conference: McKendree, Nashville, 1895-1898. Memphis Conference: Memphis, First Church, 1898-1902. St. Louis Conference: Cook Avenue, St. Louis, 1902-1903. Assistant Secretary General Board of Church Extension, 1890-1891. He was elected President of Central College, Fayette, Mo., 1903. He attended the Georgetown College, at Georgetown, Kentucky, and graduated at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1856. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Adamson Reed, July 5th, 1865, at Maysville, Kentucky.

His conversion and his reception into the ministry are considered by him the most important events in his life . Dr. Morris is a clear thinker, a forcible speaker, and a faithful pastor. He did a great work for Central College while he was President, a work of the greatest importance.

REV. EDGAR CORNELIUS McVOY, A. B.

How pure his spirit! In what vivid hues
His mind gives back the various forms of things,
Caught in their fairest, happiest attitude.—*Wordsworth.*



Rev. Edgar Cornelius McVoy was born in Summerfield, Alabama, September 10th, 1872. He is the son of Rev. A. D. McVoy, D. D., and Anna DuBoise McVoy, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was born and reared in a Christian home and from earliest infancy was taught of Christ and God. His conversion was so gradual and so natural, that he does not know just when it occurred, and feels that he has been a Christian always. He joined the church in Meridian, Mississippi, in 1886. His advancement as a Christian during the last six years of his life has been greater than at any other time since he has been preaching the Gospel; each day is better than the one before, and each year brings him closer to God. He was licensed to preach while attending College at Greensboro, Alabama, in the fall of 1890; Rev. O. C. McGehee was pastor, and Rev. J. R. Peavy, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference at Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1891, and was received on trial into the North Texas Conference, at Terrel, Texas, in November, 1891; Rev. T. R. Pierce, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix presiding; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Wilson at Wichita Falls, Texas, November, 1893, and ordained Elder by Bishop Duncan, at Tazewell, Virginia, in October, 1895. The appointments which he has served are as follows: Oak Lawn, Dallas, Texas, 1891-1893; St. Joe, Texas, 1893-1894; Alvord, Texas, 1894-1895; Jonesboro, Tennessee, 1895-1896; Morrison Memorial Church, Denver, Colorado, September and November, 1896; Albany, Missouri, 1896-1899; Chillicothe, Missouri, 1899-1903; Hannibal, Missouri, 1903-1904; Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, 1904. About one thousand persons have been received into the church during his ministry. The Elm Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Chillicothe, Missouri, was built at a cost of $18,000 during his pastorate there. His father was president of Female Colleges in the South for about twenty-five years, and he went to school to his father until he was sixteen years old, then entered the Sophomore class, Southern University, Greensboro, Alabama, remaining three years, graduating from there with A. B. degree in 1891. He considers his decision to preach the Gospel in answer to the call of God, as the most important crisis in his life. Next to the grace of God, he attributes what he is today to the devout, beautiful Christian lives of his father and mother.



REV. CHARLES WESLEY SCARRITT, A.B., B.D.

There is no Culture so high, no taste so fastidious, no grace Of learning so delicate, no refinement of Art so exquisite, that it Cannot at this hour find full play for itself in the broadest Fields of humanity.—*Charles Dudley Warner.*

Rev. Charles Wesley Scarritt, son of Rev. Nathan Scarritt, D. D., and Martha Matilda Scarritt, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born July 20th, 1869, at Kansas City, Missouri. He was converted in 1884, at Kansas City, Missouri, under his father's ministry, and joined the Walnut Street Church under Dr. John Matthews, in 1884. He was licensed to preach in 1891, by the Melrose Quarterly Conference, of Kansas City District; Rev. C. M. Bishop, D. D., preacher in charge, and Rev. J. E. Godbey, D. D., Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Waxahatchie District Conference, in North Texas Conference, in 1895; received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1895; Rev. W. T. McClure, Presiding Elder, and Bishop W. W. Duncan presiding; ordained Deacon in 1897, and ordained Elder in 1899. Appointments served: Pleasant Hill, Harrisonville; Belton and Martin City, and Melrose. The Belton Church was built under his pastorate. He received his education in the Kansas City public schools, at Vanderbilt University with degree of A. B., at the Drew Theological Seminary, taking the degree of B. D., and at the University of Leipsic, where he took a post graduate course of one year. He was married to Miss Clara M. Spencer in 1893, and they have four children, Catherine M., Nathan S., Charles W., and Clara L. Scarritt. Tennyson's poems and the works of Phillips Brooks have been some of the books, aside from the Bible, that have helped him most.



REV. OWEN MEREDITH RICKMAN, A.B., B.D.

Man's power is his idea multiplied by and projected through His Personality.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Rev. Owen Meredith Rickman was born in Western Kentucky, October 18th, 1867. His father was William M. Rickman, and his mother was Amanda Owen Rickman. His mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from girlhood. He was converted in February, 1885, at Webb City, Missouri. Some time after his conversion he felt that God wanted him to preach. His response was instantaneous and his soul magnified the Lord. The secret was first communicated to his mother, then to his pastor. His mother said her prayer was answered; she had never doubted that he would be called into the ministry. He was licensed to preach in August, 1888, by the Quarterly Conference of Webb City Station. His license was signed by Rev. Joseph King, Presiding Elder, and John M. Burgner, Secretary. He then entered Scarritt Collegiate Institute at Neosho where he graduated with the A. B. degree in 1894. One year previous to graduation was spent as principal of one of the ward schools in Neosho. During his college life he exercised his gifts in preaching, never less than once a month. His first vacation was spent on the farm, but after that always in the work of the ministry. One summer he secured one hundred subscribers for the St. Louis Christian Advocate and thus paid his way in college the following year. Two years were spent in the Biblical department of the Vanderbilt University, and one year at the Drew Theological Seminary, from the latter of which he was graduated with the degree of B. D. in the spring of 1897. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, at Independence, Missouri, in 1892; in the spring of 1897, he was ordained Elder by Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson in Trinity Church, Baltimore. From Drew Seminary he came directly to Pleasant Hill and supplied that charge until Conference met. At Slater that fall he was received on trial into the Southwest Missouri Conference, Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald presiding; Rev. W. T. McClure, Presiding Elder. He was transferred by Bishop Candler and stationed at St. Paul's Church, Denver, Colorado, September 19th, 1898. He served this charge three years, paid off its debt of some $3,000 and was then transferred by Bishop Hendrix back to the Southwest Missouri Conference. In 1901, he was appointed to Slater Station which he served two years, and was then stationed at Independence where he is now serving his fourth year. On the 29th of June, 1898, he was married to Miss Naomi Agnes Larkin in St. Paul's Church, Denver. They have two children, both boys, William Lawrence Rickman and Edwin Meredith Rickman. He has received into the church more than five hundred members.

REV. CHARLES W. MOORE, D. D.



THE INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

Charles William Moore was born in Lowndes County, Alabama, February 27th, 1866. Shortly after the war his parents, L. R. Moore and Mary A. Moore, moved from their southern home in Alabama to a blue grass stock farm in Kentucky. In 1871 they came northward and cast their lot in Kansas City, Mr. L. R. Moore becoming a member of the firm of Bullene, Moore, Emery & Co. It was in this business house that Charles W. Moore received a thorough business training. Aside from this discipline his education consisted of seven years in the grade schools of Kansas City, four years at William Jewell College, three years at the University of Chicago, and one year in post graduate studies of Oxford, England. In 1907 William Jewell College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. While a boy, he with several others built Garland Avenue Church, Kansas City. In Kansas City he filled positions of Sunday School Superintendent, director in the Y. M. C. A. of Kansas City, and also of the Provident Association and was much interested in charities and Christian work. As a layman he was a delegate to the District, Annual, General and Ecumerical Conferences, taking his father's place at the last mentioned. Under the pastorate of Bishop John J. Tigert, while at Troost Avenue Church, he was licensed to preach in 1893, joining the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1894 at Jefferson City and receiving his first appointment from Bishop E. R. Hendrix. At Westport he remained four years, and while there the new Westport Church, a stone edifice, costing about $10,000.00 was built. During the time he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway and Elder by Bishop Candler. In 1898 he asked for a leave of absence for several years for the purpose of study and travel. During a trip of 25,000 miles in Europe, Asia and Africa, sociological conditions in large cities were given special attention with reference to preparation for work to be undertaken at home. On returning to America the social conditions in the north end of Kansas City were pointed out to him by Charles W. Scarritt and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, and on receiving his appointment from Bishop Hendrix, he built the Institutional Church to answer the needs of the situation. In all this work this pastor was greatly assisted by his noble wife. As she often said, she did not marry a preacher, for her husband entered the ministry after their marriage. In giving up the comforts that might come from the life of a man who was in fair way of making money, to the lot of a Methodist peracher's life, her sacrifice was beautiful and Christlike and worthy of those noble and gentle souls whose companionship cheers and helps us on the way. Whatever in his life he may have accomplished for good is due mainly to the influence of a faithful wife, a father whose honor and Christian fidelity and integrity were his most valued assets and to a mother whose gentle Christian Spirit first directed his feet in paths of peace.



GAME AND CLUB ROOM.

The Institutional Church is a simple, natural, Christ-like and humane answer to one of the crying needs of modern life. It is designed to meet certain conditions existing in the poorer and congested districts of cities. It undertakes to carry practical Christianity to the people in the same spirit in which Christ found the poor, became acquainted with their necessities and ministered to them. There are some districts in every large city, which demand institutional work. The North End of Kansas City is such a district. With its great river territory; its multitude of poor, often honest and deserving; with its many houses not worthy of the name of home, devoid or morality and cleanliness; with its horde of divorced parents, cleft homes, lax fathers and mothers; with its streets full of temptation and swarming with children; with its scores of saloons and immoral houses; with its many widows striving against great odds to keep their children pure; with its struggle with poverty and its battle for bread; with its cruelty, its darkness, its cheerfulness, its indifference, its licentiousness, and often its longing for better things, there is an ample field for the work of the Institutional Church.

In answer to the cry of the North End district a commodious building of gray stone and tile roof at the corner of Admiral Boulevard and Holmes Street has been erected. The property, 100 by 150 feet, is bounded on three sides by streets. The building is 75 by 85 feet, is two stories on the Admiral Boulevard front, and is four stories high above the basement on the Sixth Street front; its value is $75,000. A large play ground at the east end of the building surrounded by a stone wall, is furnished with swings, rings, turning bars, teeter-totters, merry-go rounds, sand piles and tents. A porch 75 feet long extends its hospitable arms to those approaching the building from the Admiral Boulevard side. On this floor is the Auditorium proper with seating capacity of 700. This room is provided with convenient arrangements for Sunday School purposes, providing twelve rooms for separate classes. In the southeast corner is the Pastor's office and study. Other rooms on this floor are used by the Junior and Senior League, Home Mission Society, the Music School, the Sewing School and Girls' Club, Business school of Typewriting, Stenography, Bookkeeping, Spelling and Commercial Law. The floor between the Admiral Boulevard floor and the Sixth Street floor contains a large club room, furnished with game tables, games, and with walls cheerfully decorated, and hung with pictures; a beautiful furnished parlor for the worker, a large bed room containing a number of snow white beds occupied by little girls, who are on parole in the Juvenile Court in Kansas City and placed in our



GIRL'S GYMNASIUM.

institution; four furnished rooms for the resident Deaconesses and a private bath room for their use; a medical closet used by our resident workers in caring for trivial ailments of the children in the day nursery.



DAY NURSERY.

Entering the Sixth St. door an open office is found at the head of the hall-way. Here the mothers report, who, early in the morning, bring their children to the day nursery. About thirty-five little children are left with us every week day by mothers, who have no other place to put them and who could not go out to earn an honest living if they had not this place to leave their little ones. A large play room provided with little red chairs, plenty of toys and pretty pictures and bathed in floods of sunlight is filled with prattling, playful children who amid their happy surroundings, are quite forgetful of their mothers until the evening when the mothers begin to call for their children on their way home from work; and each little child is in turn delighted or disappointed as its own or some other's mother appears. Adjoining the day nursery play room is the dining room, where with clean washed faces the children march to their places for dinner and supper each day. Next to the dining room is found the serving room and china closet, and beyond that the kitchen. On the other side of the hall-way from the play room is the library and neighborhood parlor; and the dormitory and bath room for the boys of the Juvenile Court and for the babes of the day nursery, who are too young to stay awake during the whole day. At the end of the hall-way is a large gymnasium, two stories high, over seventy feet long, containing lockers and shower baths, for boys on the one side, and girls on the other; a balcony for visitors looking on the games; parallel and horizontal bars, basket ball, Indian clubs, rings, etc., are in evidence. In this room twelve clubs of boys and girls and young people meet during the week. Children are thus taken off the streets and are brought in contact with the leaders of the clubs and classes and taught how to play in a fair and generous spirit, at the same time imbibing principles of cleanliness, disciplineship, obedience and honesty.

On the floor below is found the girls' cooking school, dormitory, the relief closet from which clothing is provided specially destitute cases, storage closet, laundry, kindling and coal room, steam boiler, hot water plant and janitor's room.

The work is under the special supervision of the Woman's Board of City Missions, Mrs. Geo. P. Gross, president; Miss E. Billingsley, treasurer; and The Methodist Church Society, Mr. W. C. Scarritt, president; and W. H. Collins, treasurer. Miss Mabel K. Howell is superintendent of the industrial department. The head Deaconess, Mrs. Soubey, is assisted by the residence deaconessess. Miss Blackwell and by Miss Haskins, and about fifty volunteer workers. The building is open seven days and nights in the week. The Institutional Church is the laboratory of the Scarritt Bible and Training School;



GRADUATING CLASS SEWING SCHOOL.

Miss Gibson here gives her students practical city mission work under the supervision of Miss Howell. While under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, its industrial work is for all, regardless of sect, creed, or denomination. The religious department of the Church is carried on as in any other church. In its purpose it seeks to save and to uplift, to cheer, beautify and to guide. It co-operates with the Juvenile Court and does preventive work among the children. Unselfish in spirit, it depends upon broad-minded, large-hearted men and women of all faiths for its support.



DORMITORY DAY NURSERY.

The building was opened February, 1906, and during the last few months twenty-five children who either had no homes, or homes so immoral that it was unsafe to leave them therein, have been placed in good homes where all the surroundings are helpful and up-lifting; at least, two persons have been saved from suicide; positions have been found for many; the sick have been relieved; and many assisted in making a living for themselves, who, but for the work undertaken here, could not have done so; all have been helped to higher ideals and many of these have taken Christ as the guide of their life.



CHILDRENS DINING ROOM.

REV. ARTHUR HULL BARNES.

Thinking the True, willing the Right, loving the Good.—*Dr. James W. Lee.*



Rev. Arthur Hull Barnes was born February 25th, 1865, at Cambridge, Saline County, Missouri. He is a son of Edward Benjamin Barnes and Mary Malvina Barnes. His mother was a member of the Baptist church until the conversion of his father, when they both united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Cambridge, Missouri, under the preaching of the Rev. L. H. Vandiver and joined the church at Cambridge. There was nothing unusual about his conversion; he was very deeply moved, and is very sure of the fact that he was converted. He has never felt that he has gone backward since that time, but rather believes that God put the seal of His Spirit upon him. He was licensed to preach April 16th, 1889, by the Quarterly Conference of the Pilot Grove Circuit; Rev. A. B. Donaldson, pastor, and Rev. James M. Clark Presiding Elder. The same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial; Rev. James M. Clark, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Hargrove presiding at the Conference at which he was admitted. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Haygood at Booneville, Missouri, in 1893; ordained Elder by Bishop Duncan at Webb City, Missouri, in 1895. He has filled the following appointments: Versailles Station, two years; Harrisonville, three years; Clinton, one year; Sedalia, one year; Jefferson City, four years; Independence, one year; Westport Station, Kansas City, Missouri, four years. Three hundred and twenty-five persons have united with the church under his ministry. Under his pastorates a $30,000 church was built at Jefferson City, and a $4,000 parsonage at Westport Church, Kansas City. He obtained his education at the Warrensburg Normal, where he spent three years, and Pilot Grove College, three years. He was married to Miss Christine Schlotzhauer, June 11th, 1890, and their children are, Mary Nadine Barnes, Arthur Hardeman Barnes, Helen Maurine Barnes and Margaret Monroe Barnes. He says that possibly the most important crisis in his life was when he yielded to the call to the ministry of Christ. Some books which have greatly helped him are: "The Work of Christ," by Bishop E. M. Marvin, and the works of Shakespeare. He thinks that State education will do for the State, but never for the Church, and that a State without a Church will die. Dr. Barnes is fine in the social circle, strong in the pulpit, and first-class in administrative ability.

REV. JAMES CLARK DIGGS.

Biography is the Foundation of all History.—*Dr. D. R. McAnally.*



Rev. James Clark Diggs was born, April 7th, 1864, in Montgomery County, Missouri. He is a son of Jesse C. Diggs and Naomi Diggs, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in Saline County, Missouri, February 20th, 1882, under the ministry of Rev. L. H. Vandiver and joined the church at the same place two days later. For some time he had felt a deep sense of his guilt as a sinner. His sins became a mighty burden to him and he went to God in earnest prayer and was wonderfully blessed. He says the longer he remains in God's service he realizes more fully the deeper work of grace and understands more thoroughly the things of God. He has a stronger determination to do God's will and a greater love for God and man. He was licensed to preach, July 10th, 1892, by the Quarterly Conference of Booneville District; Rev. T. P. Hill, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. M. Clark, Presiding Elder; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in May, 1895; was received into the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1895; Rev. C. H. Briggs, D. D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop Duncan presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway September 20th, 1896, at Nevada, Missouri; was ordained Elder, September 18th, 1898, by Bishop Candler. He has served the following appointments: Blackwater Circuit, 1895-1896; Nelson and Blackwater, 1896-1897; Sprague, 1897-1901; Archie Circuit, 1901-1904; Sarcoxie Circuit, 1904-1905; Dallas and Martin City, 1905-1907; supplied Renick Circuit one and one-fourth years, and Westville Circuit, one year. He has received five hundred and sixty-eight persons into the church. The parsonage at Dallas, Missouri, was built under his pastorate. He attended the public schools and spent two years in Central College, at Fayette, Missouri. He was married to Miss Lou C. Beswick, November 27th, 1895, and their children are Mary Naomi Diggs, Ruth Diggs, Elizabeth Helen Diggs, and Jesse Candler Warren Diggs. He says his conversion and call to the ministry has been the most important crisis in his life. Adam Clarke's Commentaries, and "The Life of Christ" are books that have greatly helped him.

REV. THOMAS ALEXANDER HUFFINE.

As we are, we see; only a spiritual eye can discern spiritual Verities. —*Bishop Galloway.*



The subject of this sketch, Rev. Thomas Alexander Huffine, is a young preacher now serving his first regular appointment. However, as a local preacher, he supplied Belgrade Mission, in the St. Louis Conference.

He was born in Simpson County, Kentucky, April 12, 1879. His parents, Joseph Daniel and Lucinda Huffine, were Methodists before him, and trained him up in that evangelic faith. Coming of Kentucky Methodist stock, the Church will expect much from Brother Huffine.

When eight years of age, and while on his way to school, he felt his first awakening. As he was meditating alone the fact of his sinfulness, the need of a Saviour dawned upon him. Prompted by the Holy Spirit, he promised God to give him his heart, but like many others, he soon forgot his vow. About eight years later he attended a meeting conducted by Rev. N. M. Dowdy, and fell under conviction, going to the altar a number of times, but made no profession of faith during this meeting. But from this time he began to pray in secret regularly. The following year, December, 1895, during a meeting conducted by the same pastor, and at the same place, Wood's Chapel, he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour, and united with the Church.

He was licensed to preach May 27th, 1897, by the Lexington District Conference. Rev. J. M. Boon was Presiding Elder of the District, and Rev. J. R. Hedges was his pastor. Feeling the need of training for this noble calling he went to Central College, and did Academic and College work through the Sophomore year except two branches.

He considers the Christian College a strong arm of the Church which is at the same time in perfect harmony with all state institutions. It is to be looked to, in his opinion, to furnish the equipped men who are to bear the Gospel of life to heathen nations. He considers the crisis of his life to be his awakening from sin and conversion of God; and next to this is his decision to attend Central College, and prepare for his life work.

The following are some of the books that have been especially helpful to him: "Verbum Dei," "Pilgrim's Progress," "A Man's Value to Society."

He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Lexington District Conference which met at Knob Noster, April 26th, 1905, and received on trial by the Southwest Missouri Annual Conference which met at Butler, Missouri, September, 1905. Bishop Hendrix was president and Rev. Thomas M. Cobb was his Presiding Elder.

He is a successful young preacher and has a promising future before him.

MR. GEORGE WASHINGTON BACON.

Around your lifetime golden ladders rise;
The angels go and come, the messengers of God.
—*John G. Whittier.*

By Rev. H. A. Wood.



George Washington Bacon was one of the early poineers of Southwest Missouri, and connected in faithful service with the development of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He is the son of Lorton and Christina Bacon, and was born on July 23rd, 1847. He deserves special praise for his piety and his church affiliation, as his father was a member of no church, and his mother a Baptist. Brother Bacon was converted under the faithful preaching of Brother L. P. Siceloff in June, 1872, at Underwood Chapel, Vernon County, Missouri. He describes his conversion as a clear and distinct work of grace; the divine assurance of a clear and full love to God and man, and a desire to do the will of God. An earnest longing to do good, and only good, characterizes all his work in life. He himself writes: "The longer I live the more I see in the mercy of God, and I am determined so to live that when I am called hence, I may meet the approval of my Lord." On January 8th, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Covey. Their children are: Edna T. Bacon, now the wife of a prominent physician; Libbie E. Bacon, the wife of Rev. H. A. Hood of the Denver Conference; Louella C. Bacon, the wife of a machinist in Seattle, and Daisy R. Wood, George Hurd Wood and Kittie Val Wood of Kansas City, Mo. These have all been an honor and a comfort to their parents. For twelve long years, in summer and winter, throguh heat and cold, Mr. Bacon was the faithful and zealous Superintendent of the Southern Methodist Sunday School at Hume, Mo. Whether few or many come, he was always there in his place. In addition to this office, he was for a time a good steward, carefully looking after the wants of his pastor. He acquired the habit of general reading, was a good student of human nature, ready to adapt himself to new situations, and made a success in life. For twenty-five years he was one of the leading and substantial business men of Hume, Missouri, having a large furniture, hardware and undertaking establishment. His range of personal friends and acquaintances extended his business over three of four adjoining counties. It seemed that every man in the country personally knew "Wash" Bacon. His virtues are many and his faults few. He has also been a strict advocate of the cause of temperance. This elect father and mother, now in the serene eventide of a long and faithful life, dwell at peace in Kansas City, Missouri, enjoying the admiration of many friends.



MISS M. L. GIBSON.

Miss Gibson has charge of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo. Her influence reaches to the mission fields of the wide world.

SAINTED HEROINES

Deceased Wives of Members of the Southwest Missouri Conference.

"THESE ALL DIED IN FAITH"

NAME	NATIVITY	WHEN BORN	DIED	WHERE BURIED
Mary Frances Yocum-Blevans	Washington County, Ky	May 10, 1840	August 8, 1872	Nevada, Missouri
Cornelia Nicolds Briggs	Glasgow, Mo	January 31, 1849	August 14, 1874	Harrisonville, "
Eliza H. Sutherland Bryant	Franklin County, Va	April 21, 1815	January 30, 1875	Independence, "
Emma Vroom Pouge	New Jersey	September 23, 1849	September 6, 1878	Huntsville, "
Evelne F. Coss	Shenadoah County, Va	November 28, 1846	February 19, 1879	Moundville, "
Nellie R. Chowdley Adkisson	Lexington, Mo	October 27, 1842	October 27, 1881	Lexington, "
Mollie E. Fuqua Davis	Keytesville, Mo	September 6, 1852	September 9, 1881	Kinmundy, Illinois
Lydia Ann Porter Webster	Connecticut	May 20, 1812	March 20, 1881	Neosho, Missouri
Mary Vance Vandiver	Virginia	November 14, 1834	January 23, 1885	Fayette, "
Ophelia Abernathy McClure	Green County, Mo	August 25, 1859	January 20, 1887	Lexington, "
Barbary Charlton Todd	Newcastle on Tyne, England		January 11, 1888	St. Joseph, "
Mattie A. Myers Horn	Boonville, Mo		August 4, 1889	Boonville, "
Mary A. Given	Bath County, Va	October 2, 1842	March 16, 1890	Harrisonville, "
Lizzie C. Davis Cobb	Lafayette County, Mo	December 27, 1850	April 21, 1892	Lexington, "
Susie Edwards Reed	Williamson County, Ill	September 20, 1861	February 17, 1892	Morrisville, "
Mrs. N. A. Auld	Schuyler County, Ill	March 30, 1857	June 30, 1895	Henry County, "
Mr. J. A. Swatt				"
Mrs. W. B. McFarland	Franklin County, Va	May 10, 1828	May 18, 1896	Corder, "
Mrs. A. R. Faris	Maury County, Tenn	June 24, 1857	September 12, 1896	Lexington, "
Mrs. W. T. Gill				
Mrs. R. J. Nelson	Virginia	1852	1899	
Mrs. R. Duren			September 1, 1901	Kansas City, Missouri
Mrs. Sarah J. Eastwood	Dover, Lafayette County, Mo	November 9, 1839	March 5, 1902	Oak Grove, "
Mrs. Mary R. Frazier	Butler, Bates County, Mo.	September 26, 1849	July 16, 1902	Sedalia, "
Evelin J. Bond	Platte County, Mo			Morrisville, "
Sarah McGehee				Pennsborough, "
Mrs. L. A. Watts	St. Louis County, Mo			Nevada, "
Mrs. Eliza B. Payne	Carrol County, Ga	March 4, 1840	October 19, 1904	Oak Grove, "
Mrs. M. A. Patton	Carrol County, Va	September 3, 1879	July 24, 1905	Montrose, "
Mrs. Keys				
Mrs. Anna Lewis Prottsman	Virginia		July, 1906	
Mrs. Clara Hogan	Bellville, Ill	March 25, 1853	March 25, 1906	

REV. ALONZO PATISON.

We are to understand that the just man sees God more and
More clearly as life unfolds the mystery of its purposes.
—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



The subject of this sketch, Rev. Alonzo Patison, was born near Forest Green in Chariton County, Missouri, August 5th, 1871. He is the son of Archibald P. and Sarah M. Patison. His mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and his father was a member of the Christian Church.

He was converted at the age of sixteen, under the ministry of Rev. J. L. Meffert, and united with the church at old Washington Chapel in Fayette District, of the Missouri Conference. He was converted during a revival, and entered upon Christian work as Sunday School Superintendent of his old home school soon after his conversion.

Feeling that he was called to the ministry he applied to the Quarterly Conference of Glasgow Station for recommendation to the District Conference for license to preach and received license from the Fayette District Conference, April, 1895. The preacher in charge of Glasgow Station at the time was Rev. George M. Gibson. The Presiding Elder of the District was Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan.

He was recommended by the same district in April, 1896, for admission on trial into the traveling connection, and was appointed as a supply to Windsor Circuit, in June. Serving this charge until Conference he presented his recommendation to the Southwest Missouri Conference, and was received on trial in September of the same year. The Conference was held in Nevada, Missouri, presided over by Bishop Galloway. Rev. Clinton Clenny was his Presiding Elder.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Candler in Lexington, Missouri, in September, 1898. He was ordained Elder in Kansas City, September 30, 1900, by Bishop Granbery.

Brother Patison has served the following works: Grain Valley Circuit, two years; Ash Grove Circuit, four years; Montrose Circuit, four years.

He has received about three hundred people into the church.

Besides the Washington District Public School, he attended the Steinmetz School, and Pritchett College, graduating from that institution in June, 1896.

He was married to Miss Meela Felts of Oak Grove, Missouri, June 1, 1898.

Sister Patison went to her reward in the better world July 24, 1905.

There were born to them two children: Hillis Hendrix and Margaret Alice Patison.

The books of Hillis, Hendrix and Gladden, he considers have been of especial profit to him.

Brother Patison is strongly in favor of the Church College. He thinks the education of the mind and moral nature should always go together.

He is a useful man, a good preacher, and a faithful pastor.



REV. JAMES BERNICE SWINNEY, A. M.

The Son of Man gave the supreme instance of the possibilities of Our nature, in His incarnate Career.—*Bishop Wilson.*

Rev. James Bernice Swinney, son of Thomas William Swinney and Maggie E. Swinney, was born on the home farm near Gilliam, in Saline County, Missouri, January 20th, 1882. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at a tent meeting held at Gilliam in 1895, under the ministry of Rev. C. M. Hawkins, and joined the church at Cambridge, Missouri, at once. The night he was converted, Brother Hawkins preached from the text "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost," and he had never heard the word "lost" pronounced as Brother Hawkins pronounced it that night. It made a very great impression on him, and he was the third boy at the altar. The services of his home church were profitable and he progressed to a certain extent in the Christian life, but it was while at Central College that he became aware of the possibilities of Christian growth. But for Central College he would not today be in the ministry. He was licensed to preach in April, 1902, by the Boonville District Conference; Rev. W. G. Beazley, preacher in charge, and Rev. W. T. McClure, Presiding Elder. The same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial at Marshall, Missouri, in April, 1904; and he was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1904; Rev. Z. M. Williams, D. D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Joseph S. Key, at Joplin, Missouri, September 16th, 1906. Appointments served: Lone Jack Circuit, two years; Independence Circuit, one year. Sixty-six persons have united with the church under his ministry. He received his education at Cambridge rural school, Gilliam High School, and Central College, from which he was graduated in 1904. He considers the most important crisis in his life was when he decided to go to Central College instead of Warrensburg Normal School. He owes much to Central College.

REV. WILLIAM HOLMES.

Redeemed man best expresses God's highest thoughts.
—*Bishop Hendrix.*



Rev. William Holmes was born in Harrison County, Kentucky, March 2nd, 1814. He was a son of Thomas Holmes and Jane Vance Holmes. His mother was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was converted at a camp meeting near Shelbyville, Missouri, and joined the church at that meeting, September, 1840; Rev. John Monroe being his pastor. His conversion was quick and powerful, changing his whole life and business career. He was a young lawyer with a promising future, but felt called of God to the ministry and immediately gave up all for God and His service and became an itinerant preacher. He was received into the Annual Conference in 1842, at Jefferson City; Bishop Roberts presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Morris at St. Louis, in 1844; ordained Elder in 1846. He served the following appointments: Waterloo Circuit, two years; Monticello Circuit, two years; St. Charles Circuit, two years; Glasgow, two years; St. Joseph, two years; Weston, one year, when his health failed and he was compelled to rest and travel, but was not able to resume the active ministry again. His school education was somewhat meager, but he studied and read all his life and became a close student, a clear thinker, and very accurate in his statements. He was married to Miss Laura Ingraham, January 21st, 1836, and they lived to celebrate their golden wedding. The following named children were born to them: Aylwin A. Holmes, Julia E. Holmes, Laura J. Holmes, Laura C. Holmes, Mary W. Holmes, William K. Holmes and Sarah F. Holmes. His conversion and change of vocation to become a minister of the Gospel was probably the most important crisis in his life. His wife was converted at the same time and place as Brother Holmes and was ever an active and faithful assistant to him in his work. He held a superannuated relation in the Conference and preached at various times and places when called upon to fill vacancies. He was an active Sunday School teacher and worker and was faithful to his church duties when his health permitted. He was ever the friend and counselor of young preachers.

This memorial page is presented by Mrs. Julia Holmes Simpson.

IN MEMORIAM. Our Honored Dead.

NAME	NATIVITY	WHEN BORN	DIED	Joined Conference	Years of Service	WHERE BURIED
Stephen A. Blakey	Not Known	1833	March 29, 1871	1850	2	St. Clair County, Mo.
Newton G. Berryman	Kentucky	Not known	December, 1871	Not known		Glasgow, Mo.
Nathaniel M. Talbot	Shelby County, Ky.	March 17, 1805	July, 1872	1825	47	Near Arrow Rock, Mo.
John Monroe	Scotland	1803	October 3, 1873	1836	37	Cooper County, Mo.
S. S. Colburn	Green County, Tenn	May 1, 1807	August 26, 1875	1835	40	Otterville, Mo.
John N. Reed	Cass County, Mo.	September 28, 1848	June, 1875	1872	3	Bethel, Mo.
Warren Wharton	Gilford County, N. C.	March 5, 1820	December 12, 1875	1843	32	Salem, Mo.
George C. Knowles	Tennessee	June 1, 1830	April 2, 1876	1857	25	Sarcoxie, Mo.
Nathan T. Shaler	Connecticut	November 13, 1806	February 5, 1879	1842	18	Cass County, Mo.
Wilhamson Harris	North Carolina	May 25, 1823	March 25, 1879	1853	20	Carthage, Mo.
Samuel S. Bryant	New England	August 4, 1809.	December 28, 1879	1832	29	Independence, Mo.
Thomas Wallace	Bath County, Va	July 26, 1807	April 22, 1880	1828	40	Independence, Mo.
Henry W. Webster	Chenango County, N. Y.	April 4, 1812	April 20, 1880	1855	12	Neosho, Mo.
D. A. McKnight	Giles County, Tenn.	November 1, 1830	Nov. 18, 1880	1856	18	Texas, Mo.
C. F. Dryden	Washington County, Va.	May 20, 1809	November 21, 1882	1836	19	Grayson County, Tex.
J. R. Bennett	Virgmia	1811	1883	1836		Council Grove, Kan.
George W. Horn	Logan County, Ky.	July 24, 1839	August 17, 1884	1857	26	Boonville, Mo.
W. M. Pitts	Logan County, Ky.	1810	Februray, 1885	1843	31	Blackwater Ch. Mo.
J. B. H. Wooldridge	Nelson County, Va.	February 21, 1825	June 9, 1885	1845	35	Gunn City, Mo.
William Holmes	Harrison County, Ky.	March 2, 1814	1888	1841	12	Kansas City, Mo.
W. W. Jones	Cynthiana, Ky	May 23, 1822	October 16, 1888	1843	28	Aulville, Mo.
R. Minshall	Ohio	January 10, 1813	July 13, 1889	1847	27	Walker, Mo.
James C. Daily	Green County, Tenn	September 1, 1825	December 3, 1889	1871		Texas.
J. H. Todd	Christian County, Ky.	April 19, 1865	October 10, 1889	1884		Carthage, Mo.
Josiah Godbey	Kentucky	June 30, 1817	April 20, 1890	1841		Otterville, Mo.
J. T. Peery	Taswell County, Va.	February 18, 1817	June 5, 1890	1838		Drakes Chapel.
E. G. Frazier	Wilson County, Tenn.	July 1, 1843	August 21, 1891	1867	24	Waverly, Mo.
Rush McDonald	Edinburgh, Mo.	June 22, 1857	June 20, 1891	1880	9	Edmond, Oklahoma.
W. W. Jared	Jackson County, Tenn.	July 1, 1819	December 10, 1891	1868	21	Malta Bend, Mo.
J. M. Kelly	Robinson County, Tenn.	November 20, 1813	January 31, 1892	1842	19	Windsor, Mo.
Preston Phillips	Boone County, Mo	February 6, 1829	July 22, 1892	1857	27	Independence, Mo.
V. J. Sevier	Morgan County, Ill.	August 3, 1839.	April 2, 1892	1875	17	
G. M. Winton	Roan County, Tenn.	December 25, 1821	September 1, 1892	1852	40	Hickory Grove, Mo.
James McGehee	Lincoln County, Tenn.	October 10, 1822	September 1, 1895	1854	19	Pennsborough
A. M. Rader	Nicholas County, Va.	March 26, 1824	June 1, 1886	1853	21	Marshall, Mo.
W. M. Bewley	Green County, Tenn	March 2, 1842	July 7, 1898	1867	24	Neosho, Mo.
M. M. Pugh	Buncombe County, N. C	September 26, 1830		1853	44	Independence, Mo.
J. F. Hogan	Montgomery Co., Tenn.	January 5, 1833	August 7, 1899	1866	31	Windsor, Mo.
T. J. Stringfield	Brown County, Ill	July 4, 1831	August, 1899	1870	18	Not known.
J. K. Matthews	England	1851	January 8, 1899	1882	16	Niangua,
M. Duren	Warsaw, Mo.	September 10, 1834	January 23, 1901	1858	30	Kansas City, Mo.
N. A. Auld	Martinsville, Ill.	December 21, 1844	December 1, 1901	1873	28	Lowry City, Mo.
J. M. Proctor	Jassamine County, Ky.	January 8, 1823	September 18, 1902	1846	37	Buffalo, Mo.
Wm. M. Prottsman	Marietta, Ohio	February 19, 1817	October 27, 1902		60	Boonville, Mo.
W. B. McFarland	Indiana County, Penn.	February 9, 1820	June 8, 1904			Corder, Mo.
Wm. J. Brown	Cumberland County, Va.	August 19, 1814	January 1, 1905	1842	62	Malta Bend, Mo.
L. W. Pearce	West Tenn	July 29, 1839	January 1, 1905	1871	33	Neosho, Mo
John Y. Busby	Owen County, Ind.	May 29, 1816	February 20, 1906	1873	34	
J. P. Barnaby	Clark County, Mo	August 16, 1818	December 16, 1905	1856	62	
L. R. Downing	Lincoln County, Mo	October 8, 1832	October 31, 1902	1857	19	Kansas City, Mo.
J. F. Robb	Pontotoc, Miss.	April 8, 1838	January 17, 1903		32	Pierce City.

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LEXINGTON DISTRICT.

G. J. Warren.....Presiding Elder
Lexington.....C. E. Pattillo
Waverly.....C. V. Schulenberger
Higginsville.....A. L. Marshall
Warrensburg.....W. H. Comer
Lamont and Dresden.....E. Y. Ginn
Dover and Providence.....T. D. Payne
Corder and Blackburn.....W. B. Cobb
Odessa and Wellington.....J. C. Saylor
Sweet Springs and Blackwater.....
.....S. G. Welborn
Houstonia and Herndon....J. W. Ezell
Longwood and High Point.C. T. Wallace
Montserratt Circuit.....C. F. Prior
Pittsville Circuit.....W. F. Wagoner
Bates City Circuit.....N. M. Dowdy
Buckner Circuit.....J. D. Wood
Otterville Circuit.....L. M. Phillips
Green Ridge Circuit....Calhoun Bruner
Sedalia.....J. A. Wailes
Lincoln and Prairie Chapel..B. V. Alton
Warsaw Circuit.....H. J. Rand

REV. GEORGE JAMES WARREN.

Christianity is not alone the religion of redemption for the Individual, but it makes him the instrument of Redemption to His fellowman.—*Bishop Hendrix.*



Rev. George James Warren, son of Rev. William Warren and Maria Warren, was born February 16th, 1847, in Salisbury, England, and came to America in 1849. His father was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and his mother belonged to the Episcopal Church in England, and to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, after coming to America. He was converted in July, 1867, near New Hope Church, in Ray County, Missouri, at an arbor meeting held by Rev. Samuel W. Alexander, assisted by Rev. D. M. Proctor. His conversion was clear, powerful and soul-satisfying, but did not occur until after he had consented to preach. He had felt the call to the ministry, but resisted almost to the loss of his soul, but his final surrender was complete. As the years have gone by, he has increased in the knowledge and love of God, and a stronger, deeper love toward all mankind. He was licensed to preach September 17th, 1867, by the Quarterly Conference of the Millville Circuit; Rev. Samuel W. Alexander, preacher in charge, and Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference by the same Quarterly Conference in August, 1868, with the same pastor and same Presiding Elder; received into the Annual Conference in 1868, at Weston, Missouri; Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop E. M. Marvin in August, 1871, at Council Grove, Kansas; ordained Elder by Bishop George F. Pierce in August, 1872, at Nebraska City, Nebraska. Appointments filled: Oskaloosa Circuit, one year, 1868; Irvin and Junction City, 1869; Shawnee Circuit, 1870-1872; Nebraska City Station, 1872-1874; Holton Circuit, 1874; Wyandotte Circuit, 1875; Atchison Station, 1876; Norborne Circuit, 1877-1879; Brunswick Station, 1879-1883; Carrollton Station, 1883-1884; Gallatin District, 1884-1888; Fulton Station, 1888-1891; Carrollton Station, 1891-1894; Plattsburg Station, 1894-1896; Shelbina Station, 1896-1898; Chillicothe District, 1898-1900; Huntsville Station, 1900-1901; Chaplain of Missouri State Prison, 1901-1904; Belton and Martin City, 1904-1905; Belton Station, 1905-1906. About fifteen hundred and sixty-five persons have united with the church under his ministry. The churches at Waterville, Kansas; Brunswick, Missouri, and at Platsburg, Missouri, were built under his pastorate. His education was received at the Macon High School at Bloomington, Missouri, from which he graduated in 1861. He was married to Miss S. Elizabeth McCuistion, December 22nd, 1870. He considers his conversion as the most important crisis in his life. He thinks a Christian College alone can make a Christian citizen, and he believes that every church should maintain such a College.



REV. ALFRED FRANKLIN SMITH, A. M.

He who is born with capacities for any undertaking, finds in Executing this the fairest portion of his being.—*Goethe.*

Rev. Alfred Franklin Smith, son of James Washington Smith and Alberta Smith, both members of the Methodist Church, was born at Charleston, Missouri, March 28th, 1869. He grew up believing he was a Christian, and can point to no definite time or place when converted. He joined the church when nine years old at Farmington, Missouri. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference at Farmington, Missouri, in June, 1889, and was recommended to the Annual Conference on trial in 1892, by the Quarterly Conference at Auxvasse, Missouri; was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1892; Rev. D. C. O'Howell, Presiding Elder, and Bishop C. B. Galloway, presiding; ordained Deacon in 1892, at Montgomery City, Missouri, by Bishop C. B. Galloway; ordained Elder by Bishop C. B. Galloway in 1894, at Hannibal, Missouri. Appointments filled are as follows: Auxvasse Circuit, nine months (supply); Centralia Circuit, one year; Montgomery City, three years; Moberly, two years; Hannibal, three years; transferred to St. Louis Conference in 1902 and served at Kirkwood two years; is now President of Central College for Women at Lexington, Missouri. He received his education at Belleview Collegiate Institute, Central College and Vanderbilt University. He was married to Miss Lucy Helen Cunningham, September 20th, 1893, and his children are: Lucy Hortense Smith and Mildred Elizabeth Smith. He is a fine preacher, a brotherly man and a successful College President. His fine spirit has made him a host of friends.

MRS. LUCY MAUDE SMITH.

Knowledge is now no more a fountain sealed.—*Tennyson.*



Mrs. Lucy Maude Smith, wife of Rev. Alfred Franklin Smith, came of strong lineage through the Cunninghams, Kings and Chesters of Ohio. Her birth was in Licking County, near Columbus, on October 29th, 1871. Losing her mother in infancy, she was brought up in tenderness by Rev. and Mrs. Rueben Hahn, a Presbyterian minister and his wife, who imparted the largest culture and the highest ideals. Matured in literary and artistic circles, she early showed her aptitude for writing and music.

Insatiable at the fountains of knowledge, Mrs. Smith, having graduated from the High School at Medicine Lodge, Kansas, the valedictorian of her class, pursued her reading and study, acquiring the gentle refinements of taste for the best literature. Her productions have received noteworthy praise. She submitted, in Boston, along with twelve hundred others, a thesis, which won, not only the distinction of first place, but also the prize of $500.00. She has, from time to time, contributed to papers and magazines, articles, short stories, criticism and letters of travel.

But the holy fire in her bosom is music. Before she was twelve years old, she was singing and playing before large audiences. She thought and aspired and acted in musical measures. Her nature is strung to that key. Her talent is extraordinary. But the natural gifts have not been left to solitary endeavors. She has studied with the best masters in America and Europe, embracing besides much other work, two years at the New England Conservatory, and several months in daily study with Madame Mathilda Marchesi, in Paris.

Gifted with what Madame Beech-Yaw wrote in her letters of introduction to European teachers was "one of America's best and sweetest voices," Mrs. Smith has become known as a singer of rare ability.

The depth of the heart and life of this gifted woman are not known, however, till her religious inclinations and fervor are observed. She joined the Presbyterian Church, in Sedan, Kansas, at twelve years of age, and throughout young womanhood was active in the work of the Sunday School, the Y. P. S. C. E., and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. After her marriage, September 20th, 1893, she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be with her husband in Christian life and labor. Her best efforts have been unsparingly given, since then, to the toil of a Methodist preacher's wife. Her home life has been her chief employment and theme of thought. The care of her two daughters, (Lucy Hortense, born at Montgomery City, and Mildred King, born at Moberly), has been her pleasure and inspiration. She has, nevertheless, found time for the social meetings of the church; particularly, has she given her voice for its spiritual and financial upbuilding. To her enthusiastic and untiring efforts are due the construction of the beautiful Pipe Organ in our church at Kirkwood.

REV. WILLIAM STEWART WOODARD.

The Eternal God is the Refuge of His Saints because He is Eternal.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. William Stewart Woodard, son of Thomas S. Woodard and Susan W. Woodard, was born March 31st, 1829, on White's Creek, near Nashville, Tennessee. When he was only six months old his parents moved to Cooper County, Missouri, and in 1855, they moved to Polk County, Missouri. His parents and grand parents were all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Mt. Ebenezer Camp Ground, August 28th, 1845, and joined the church in March, 1846. He was licensed to preach April 6th, 1850, by the Quarterly Conference of Bolivar Circuit, and in July of the same year he was admitted to the Annual Conference on trial at Independence, Missouri, under the presidency of Bishop Bascom. He was ordained Deacon in 1852, by Bishop Paine; ordained Elder in 1854, by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh. His appointments are as follows: Mount Vernon; Steelville; Diniphan; Waynesville; Neosho; Versailles; Wolf Island; Carthage; Stockton; DeSoto; Steelville District; Iron Mountain District; Cape Girardeau District; Potosi District; Saline Circuit; Chamois; Council Grove District; Aulville Circuit; LaMonte; Neosho District; Papinsville; Wellington; Chapel Hill; Conference Colporter, California. In 1893 he was placed on the superannuated list. He was married to Miss Eliza B. Spencer, September 5th, 1852, and they have had five sons and five daughters born unto them, but five of them have entered into rest. The names of their children are: Allen L. Woodard, Susan E. Woodard, Thomas S. Woodard, Lula Burk, William G. Woodard, James Monroe Price Woodard, Anna Farris, Mary Eliza Pugh, Joseph Bledsoe. Woodard and Lydia Knott. About fifteen hundred persons have united with the church under his ministry. Wesley Chapel, the church at Miami, and Marr's Chapel were all built under his pastorate. He has been greatly helped by reading "Pilgrim's Progress," "John Nelson," "Hester Ann Rogers," "Fletcher's Appeal," "Ralston's Elements of Divinity," "Watson's Institutes," "Christ of History," "The Man of Gallilee," and others of like character. He thinks it a part of the duty of the church to maintain a Christian College for the higher and better education of the young men and women of today.

REV. CALHOUN BRUNER.

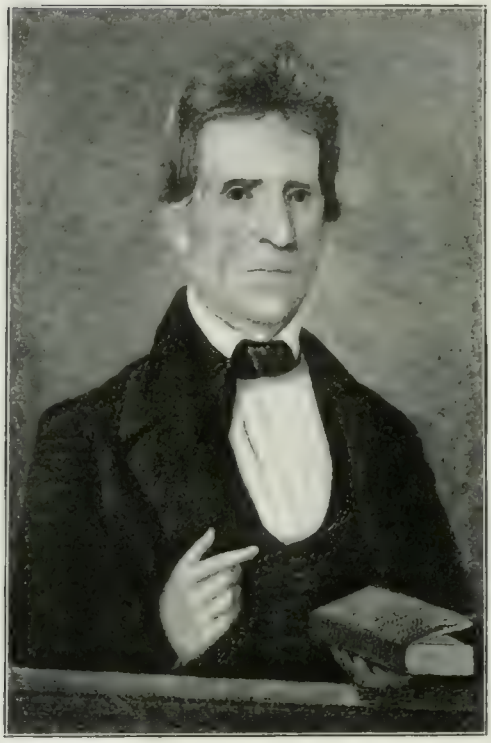
The sacrifice of individual life is impressive and noble.
—*Dr. James W. Lee.*



Rev. Calhoun Bruner was born October 8th, 1848, in Chariton County, Missouri. His father, Jacob Bruner, was a member of the Baptist Church, and his mother, Sarah Bruner, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in Salem School House, Chariton County, Missouri, in 1861, under the ministry of Rev. Jacob McEwen, and joined the church at Salem School House, under the ministry of Rev. William Penn. He and his brother Jacob had been forward to the altar several times for prayer; the third time they went to the altar they were both gloriously converted and shouted the praise of the Lord. From the time he began to take active part in the services of the church, his growth in grace increased perceptibly. He began to read the Bible through and then God called him to preach, but it was four years later before he went out and joined the itinerant ranks. He was licensed to preach March 1st, 1884, in Dade County, Missouri, by the Quarterly Conference of Jasper Circuit; Rev. Freed Montgomery, Presiding Elder, and Rev. V. J. Sevier, preacher in charge; was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of Carthage, Missouri, September 28th, 1886, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial the same year; Rev. L. W. Pearce, Presiding Elder, and Bishop McTyeire, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, October 7th, 1888, at Nevada, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop J. S. Key, September 28th, 1890, at Clinton, Missouri. He has served the following charges: Kenoma Circuit, two years; Akinsville, one year; Lowry City Circuit, two years; Montserratt Circuit, two years; Plainfield Circuit, one year; Grain Valley Circuit, one year; Archie Circuit, one year; Moundville Circuit, one year; Jasper Circuit, four years; Sprague Circuit, one year; South Greenfield Circuit, two years; Lowry City Circuit, two years; he is now serving his first year on the Green Ridge Circuit. The church at Golden City was built under his pastorate, and the following parsonages: Glenstead, Archie, Montserratt, Lowry City and Plainfield. He attended the district schools. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Richardson, April 25th, 1872, and they have the following named children: Hallie Bruner, Jessie Bird Bruner, Ruth Bruner, Herbert Bascom Bruner and Hazel Bruner. He says he considers the time when he was converted and called to preach as the most important crisis in his life. Brother Bruner has spent twenty years of his life in the work of the ministry and it is his desire to continue in this work until God shall say: "It is enough, come up higher."

REV. JESSE GREEN.

All, all on earth is shadow, all beyond is substance.—*Young.*



Rev. Jesse Green was born in Knox County, Tennessee, November 29th, 1791. He was a son of Jesse Green, Sr., and Isabella Gibson Green. His father was one of the four intrepid men who entered the court room at Morgantown, North Carolina, and rescued Governor Sevier from the very hands of his enemies as he was being tried for treason. Reared in the home of pious parents, his moral and religious training was such as developed in him those qualities which fitted him in after years to become a leader among men, and which throughout life so eminently characterized him. In early boyhood, his chosen watchword was, "Onward," and inspired by it, he ever sought to reach forth unto the things that were before and to press toward the mark of his high calling. He attended a camp meeting when seventeen, became convicted, and before quitting the spot was happily converted. He at once united with the Methodist Church, the church of his parents. At the Annual Conference, held in Franklin, Tennessee, he received his first appointment to the Ashe Circuit, Holston District. In 1818, he was returned to the Ashe Circuit, but was changed by the Presiding Elder to Abingdon. In Nashville, Tennessee, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Enoch George and was appointed to Hartford Circuit. In Salem, Tennessee, November 11th, 1821, he received Elder's orders at the hands of Bishop Robert R. Roberts, and was appointed to New River Circuit; in 1823, he took a transfer to the Missouri Conference; 1825, he served Cape Girardeau District; 1826, Boonslick Circuit; 1829 and 1830, Presiding Elder of Missouri District. This District embraced parts of Missouri, Iowa, Indian Territory and Arkansas; 1831, Arkansas District; 1832, Cape Girardeau District; 1833-1836, Missouri District; 1837, Agent for St. Charles College; 1838, Booneville District; 1839-1840, Lexington District; 1841-1843, District North of the Missouri River. The disaffection between brethren caused by the action of the General Conference of 1844, seemed to call for his efforts as pacificator in the disturbed section of the Lexington District, to which he was appointed in 1844, and the District again prospered. Four times was Mr. Green chosen as delegate to the General Conference. Throughout the wild and sparsely settled country, Mr. Green saw much of the various Indian tribes, and he preached to them the unsearchable riches of Christ. He felt a deep interest in the missionary work among them and was one of the founders of the Indian Missions. Through his presentation of the subject, the missionary spirit was aroused in the members of the Missouri Conference, and they formed a Missionary Society. From the time of its establishment, Mr. Green called the Shawnee Mission, "home;" and it was here he spent his "rest days;" here he met and married Miss Mary Todd; five children blessed this union, viz: Thomas Johnson Green, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Crenshaw, Belle L. Green; two are deceased. In the regular performance of his work as Presiding Elder, he was gone from home much of the time. He was filling an appointment near Clinton, Missouri, when the message came, "The Master is come and calleth for thee." Whispering "Hope, sweet hope," this soldier of the cross went hence on April 18th, 1847, to receive a crown of righteousness.

MRS. MARY TODD GREEN

* * * * Like to the lark,
That warbling in the air expatiates long,
Then, trilling out his last sweet melody,
Drops, satiate with the sweetness. —*Dante.*



Mary Todd was born in Bristol, England, December 11th, 1812, and with her parents, Thomas Todd and Elizabeth Merchant Todd, landed in New York City on her sixth birthday. Her parents were converted under the preaching of Rev. John Wesley, and worshiped in City Road Chapel. Mr. Todd was one of those who heard Mr. Wesley when he stood upon his father's tombstone as a pulpit, and preached. After Mr. Todd removed to Bristol, Mr. Wesley was a visitor in the home. Mary, even in her early life, became conversant with the doctrines of Methodism, and her faith in its tenets, her love for the church, and her interest for its welfare so deepened with her growth as to shape and characterize her whole after life. In the fall of 1838, she was appointed by the New York Conference as missionary to the Shawnee Indians. The journey of more than fifteen hundred miles was made alone by stage in mid-winter. When she reached St. Louis, she found herself a stranger in a strange land and moneyless. The only thing that she could do was to walk through muddy streets in search of the Methodist parsonage. Her mind was much relieved when she learned that Rev. Thomas Johnson, the superintendent of the mission, had written of her coming and asked the preacher to lend her his aid in any way that she might need. The mission station where she first entered upon her work of teaching, was located in what is now Wyandotte County, Kansas. Without hesitancy, she cheerfully adjusted herself to the changed conditions and entered at once upon her work of teaching those children of the forest things that would elevate the thought. That her labors were not in vain is evidenced by the changed manner of life and the blameless Christian character of many who by her were led to accept the "Jesus doctrine," numbers of whom, both of men and women in later years were among their own people prominent in the church and who among their white brethren were esteemed for their deep piety and their Christian integrity. After her marriage, Mrs. Green continued teaching for some time, and after quitting the school room was still engaged in missionary work. She was the same earnest, zealous, consecrated Christian she had ever been, keeping up the family altar, working in the church and Sabbath School, visiting the sick and helping the needy. There could be but one ending to such a life. On March 21st, 1893, the light of the eternal day fell on her, and as with glad hands she reached up toward the shining way, with happy smile she said: "All's well, all's well," and entered through the gates into the city, there to be forever with her Lord.

REV. THOMAS DEKALB PAYNE.

God showeth us the path wherein we should go, and maketh Plain the way before our face.—*John Wesley.*



Rev. Thomas DeKalb Payne is the son of Daniel L. Payne and Mary Payne, both of whom were members of the Primitive Baptist Church. He was born May 20th, 1839, in Simpson County, Kentucky, and was converted in the same county at Salem Church, August 5th, 1858, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Franklin Circuit, under the ministry of Rev. Thomas J. Moore. His conversion was clear and satisfactory. His growth in grace has been steadfast and has given him a better knowledge of the plan of salvation. He was licensed to preach November 26th, 1859, by the Quarterly Conference of Franklin Circuit, Louisville Conference; Rev. John Randolph, preacher in charge, and Rev. Thomas J. Moore, Presiding Elder. Having come to Missouri, he was recommended to the St. Louis Conference for admission on trial in 1869; Rev. W. M. Pitts, Presiding Elder. He was received into the St. Louis Conference September 5th, 1869, and at that time was ordained Elder by Bishop G. F. Pierce; he had been ordained Deacon in Henderson, Kentucky, by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, October 23rd, 1854. He served two charges in the Louisville Conference as supply. The following is a list of his charges in Missouri: Lebanon, Stockton Circuit, Springfield Circuit, Greenfield Circuit, Carthage, Ash Grove, Harrisonville, Montrose, Pink Hill, Lee's Summit and Pleasant Hill, Columbus, Wellington, Neosho District, Arrow Rock and Smith's Chapel, Longwood and Herndon, Pilot Grove and Belle Air, Orearville and Shiloh, Versailles Station, Blue Springs, Bates City. Five churches and two parsonages have been built under his pastorate, to-wit: Carr's Chapel, Walnut Grove, Oakland, Oak Grove and Stone's Chapel. The parsonages are: South Greenfield and Bates City. He was educated in the common schools of Simpson County, Kentucky, and Mitchelville Academy, Tennessee. He was married to Miss Eliza Baxter Rodgers May 5th, 1867, who died October 19th, 1904. They have the following children, Lucy R., Annie, Bina Ethel and Georgia Baxter Payne. He thinks the following books, aside from the Bible, have been most helpful to him: "Watson's Dictionary," "Theological Compend," "Lives of McKendree," "Caples," Marvin, etc. He has missed but one session of his conference in thirty-seven years.

REV. WILLIAM HENRY COMER.

From Age to Age, the most mighty Apology for Christianity
Has been the Lives of her Saints.—*Canon Farrar.*



Rev. William Henry Comer was born August 16th, 1852, in Ray County, Missouri, near Richmond. His father, Nathan Comer, was a member of the Christian church, and his mother, Catherine M. Comer, belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted through the death of a Christian brother on May 17th, 1870. He was thoroughly changed in heart and life. He united with the church October 24th, 1870, under the ministry of Rev. Alex. Spencer. His development in the Christian life has been steady and constant. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Millville Circuit, July 23rd, 1876; Rev. G. Tanquary, pastor, and Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder. The same Quarterly Conference recommended him for admission on trial into the Annual Conference July 23rd, 1876. He was received into the Annual Conference, September 13th, 1876, at Hannibal, Missouri; Rev. W. E. Dockery, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire, presiding. At the close of the session, he was transferred to the Western Conference. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop D. S. Doggett, at Wyandotte, Kansas, in September, 1878; ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Oskaloosa, Kansas, in September, 1880. He has served the following appointments: Cedar Point Circuit, 1876; Walnut Valley, 1877; Oxford, 1878-1880; Howard City, 1880-1882; Council Grove, 1882-1885; Kansas City, Kansas, 7th Street Church, 1885-1889; Holton, 1889-1890; Atchison, Kansas, 1890-1894; Kansas City, Kansas, 7th Street Church, 1894-1898; Atchison, Kansas, 1898-1901; Council Grove District, Presiding Elder, 1901-1904; Westren District, 1905-1906; appointed to Warrensburg, Southwest Missouri Conference, in September, 1906. About seven hundred persons have united with the church under his ministry. The church and parsonage in Kansas City, Kansas, and the parsonage at Atchison, Kansas, were built under his pastorate. He received his education at the public schools. He was married to Miss Minnie A. Scott, June 15th, 1887, and they have one child, E. Norma Comer. He considers his conversion and consecration to the ministry as the most important crisis in his life. Aside from the Bible, some of the books which have been most helpful to him, are Pilgrim's Progress, History of the Bible, and the writings of Marvin, Wesley, Watson, etc.

For fifteen years he was Secretary of the Western Conference, and he was a delegate to the General Conference which met in Baltimore in 1898.

REV. SAMUEL S. COLBURN.

He shall receive the Crown of Life, which the Lord hath Promised to them that love Him.—*St. James.*



Rev. Samuel S. Colburn was born in Greene County, Tennessee, May, 1st, 1807. In 1831 he came to Missouri, was converted and joined the Methodist Church the following year. He was licensed to preach in 1833, and in 1835 was appointed by Presiding Elder Rev. Jesse Green, to assist Rev. J. L. Irwin on the Boonville and Arrow Rock Circuit. At the next session of the conference he was admitted on trial and given the Keytesville Circuit.

For forty-two years thereafter he was engaged in the ministry, and though during the last decade of his life he was compelled to accept a superannuated relation to the Conference, when able to attend its sessions, he begged for work. The Conference, however, realizing the weakened condition of his health, did not yield to his entreaties, for he was then suffering from the effects of exposures to which the early circuit rider was subjected. What was then one circuit, now embraces several districts, and railroad accommodations were meager. But he was earnest and industrious in the Master's vineyard; he paid no heed to the earthly storms and hardships which beset him, because he longed most of all for the souls of men for Christ's Kingdom.

The last Conference attended by him was held at Lexington in 1874; Bishop Keener, presiding. He insisted on being given work, and when this was refused him, still undmindful of the affliction which was rapidly overtaking him, said: "Very well, I will make my own appointments." And so he did, arranging four appointments for alternating Sabbaths during the following winter and on into May, when he returned from his last appointment at Versailles, in a drenching rain. Upon arriving at his home in Otterville, his remark was: "My work is finished—I go no more."

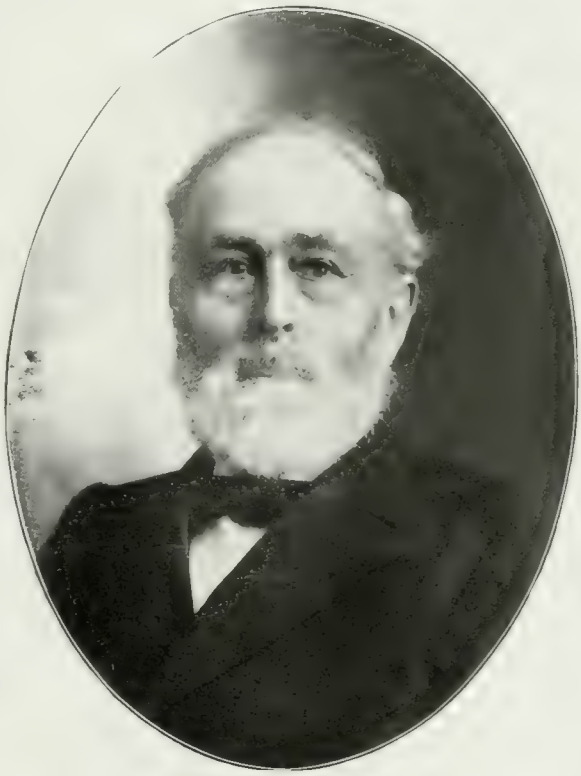
He passed on to his reward August 26, 1875, in the 69th year of his life. He was three times married, his first wives having been Lizzie and Mary Cunningham, and his third wife Rhoda Ross Colburn, who has just celebrated her 85th birthday and who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Addie Zehner, in Dallas, Texas. Others surviving him were: Mrs. Mary Dean (deceased), Mrs. Elizabeth Phipps, Kansas City, (by his first wife), Richard, of Higginsville, Missouri, (by his second wife), Mrs. Susan Neale, Coffeyville, Kansas, Dr. Samuel (deceased), Mrs. Ellen Hayes, St. Louis, and Mrs. Addie Zehner, by his third wife. This sketch is furnished by wife and children.

How appropriate to one whose life had known no winter, but had been one long spring and summer, filled with sowing of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the reaping of souls for His Kingdom, and which ended on that bright August day, is the verse selected by our friend and brother, Rev. W. S. Woodard, which I give below:

"The summer sun was shining,
The sweat was on his brow,
His garments worn and dusty,
His step seemed very slow.
But he kept pressing onward,
For he was wending home,
Still shouting as he journeyed:
Deliverance will come!"

REV. JOHN C. SHACKELFORD, A. M.

Literary labor made tributary to great and unselfish uses; this
Is the Christian ideal of a scholar's life.—*Dr. Austin Phelps.*



Rev. John C. Shackelford, son of Thomas Shackelford and Eliza C. Shackelford, was born in Saline County, Missouri, August 4th, 1829. In early life he kept store for a brother-in-law until he determined to educate himself for a lawyer. After getting all the education obtainable from the private schools of his neighborhood and from Masonic College at Lexington, Missouri, he commenced the study of law. He continued at this for two years under an older brother and then went East to a law school, at Ballston, New York. While engaged in the study of law the great question, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" come to him one day with such force that it haunted him like a nightmare until he surrendered to what he believed to be his call to the ministry. After passing through the whole curriculum of four years at Yale, he returned home, expecting to attend Princeton in the fall, but in the meantime he made a study of the Confession of Faith; up to that time he had been a Presbyterian, but the study of the Confession completely revolutionized his mind. While passing through a great conflict he visited the Missouri Conference, then in session at Brunswick. As he looked on that noble body of men led by Caples, Marvin and Vandeventer, he thought them the happiest men he ever saw, and then and there determined to be a Methodist preacher. In 1854, he joined the St. Louis Conference held in Jefferson City, Missouri. The second year of his ministry he was thrown into intimate association with a spiritually minded Methodist preacher of higher character. He saw that there was an experience in this preacher far beyond his own, and resolved to seek a deeper experience. Not long after, in a grove, he received an overwhelming baptism of the Holy Ghost. This was the glory spot of his life. Ever since then "Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. Then in a nobler, sweeter strain, I'll sing God's power to save, till this poor, lisping, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave." After this great baptism of the Spirit, his zeal was greater than his physical strength, and in ten years he became nervously prostrated. While preaching in St. James, his health completely failed and he was compelled to retire to a farm. The exercise of the farm patched him up so that he continued to preach sometimes in the regular work. On account of ill health he was compelled to take a supernumerary relation in 1889, but has continued to preach, as opportunity presented itself. During the last year he has put into a little book the mature thoughts of his life on the subject of The Atonement. In this book, "Ecce Agnus Dei," he claims to have reached by induction the true theory of the Atonement, which satisfied both heart and intellect.



MRS. MARTHA JANE DUNKLEY.

And good thoughts where her footsteps pressed like fairy Blossoms grew.—*John G. Whittier.*

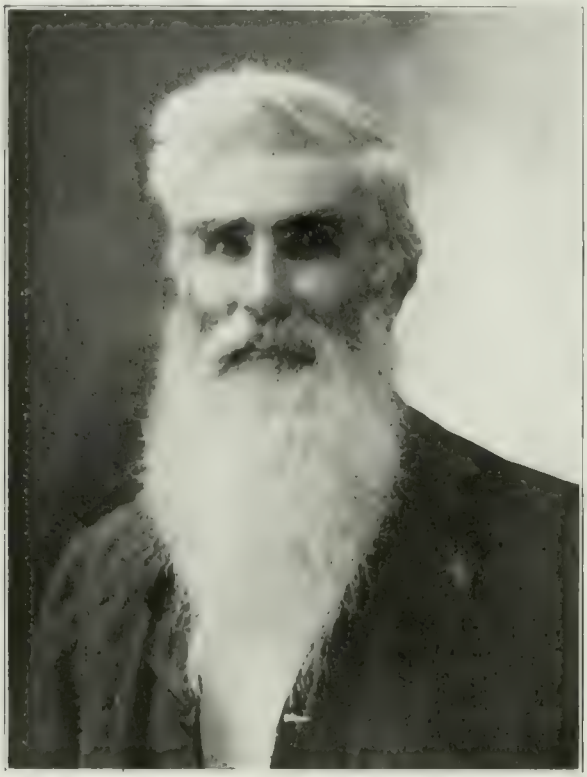
Martha Jane Porter was born in Smith County, Tennessee, March 16th, 1820. Her mother died in 1825. With the help of a black mammy, she cared for herself and three younger children; one a six months old babe. In 1835, her father having married again, she came to Missouri, with a great uncle and family. They settled in Morgan County. Soon after this she was converted and joined the Methodist Church. When the division came, she kept her faith with the South, always being faithful to her vows, cherishing her love for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. January 31st, 1844, she was married to B. F. Dunkley, who was a medical student. When his medical course was completed, they moved to Pettis County, Missouri. Soon after, a few zealous Methodists met and organized a class. They were John Rice, Judith Rice, Rachel Rice, Martha J. Dunkley and B. Y. Chipman. Afterwards they were known as the Freedom class. Revs. Jesse Green, Dines, Price, Dan Leeper, Bond, Porter, and W. W. Prottsman, served this charge as pastor or Presiding Elder. In the fall of 1856, the class, having grown too much for Freedom school house, they decided to build, and in June, 1857, Black Water Chapel was dedicated. From the beginning, she was a subscriber to the St. Louis Christian Advocate, which she read faithfully. She read her Bible through often, and the last years of her life, she read it through each year. All the charter members of Black Water Chapel now lie around it, awaiting the Resurrection of the dead. All were faithful to the cause of Christ, liberal to their church, leaving us who remain a noble inheritance of love to our God. Their lives are a golden link to the past. These memories and names are preserved by the kindness of Mrs. Mary D. Smith, of Sweet Springs, Missouri.

REV. CHARLES VINIS SCHULENBERGER.

He who really knows the Law of the Lord eats at the King's Table, listens to the King's music, and lives in the King's light.
—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. Charles Vinis Schulenberger was born in Newville, Pennsylvania, July 14th, 1868. His parents, Adam Schulenberger and Maggie Schulenberger, were members of the German Reformed Church. He was converted at Davenport, Nebraska, December 10th, 1890, under the ministry of Rev. Mr. Wills, and joined the Presbyterian church, but joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Foster, Missouri, May 3d, 1898. He had been under deep conviction of sin for some time and struggled in his own self-righteousness to free his soul from sin only to sink deeper into the depths of helplessness. In the hour of his utter helplessness he cried unto God and floods of glory swept over his soul, and he felt he was a new creature. He has grown stronger in faith and his growth in grace has been enhanced by his service to God. He was licenced to preach May 7th, 1898, by the District Conference held at Nevada, Missouri; Rev. J. C. Diggs, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. M. Clark, Presiding Elder; the same District Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial at the same time, and he was received on trial into the Annual Conference that same year; Rev. J. M. Clark, Presiding Elder, and Bishop W. A. Candler, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Granbery, September 30th, 1900, at Kansas City, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, September 21st, 1902, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: As supply to Papinsville, August 7th, 1898; Papinsville Circuit, 1898-1899; Appleton City, 1900-1902; Mountain Grove, 1902-1903; Mountain Grove and Norwood, 1903-1905; Waverly, 1905-1907. Three hundred and twenty-nine persons have been received into the church by him. The church at Norwood was partially built under his pastorate, but he was moved before it was completed. He attended the Presbyterian College at Hastings, Nebraska, and the Presbyterian College at Parkville, Missouri. He was united in marriage with Miss Nellie Ellis Varner, December 20th, 1905. He considers his converson and call to the ministry as the most important crisis in his life. Some books which have helped him are "Wesley's Sermons and Notes," "Watson's Institutes," "Can It Be False," and "Skilled Labor for the Master."



DR. J. L. D. BLEVANS.

In finding the life that was in Christ, Man finds his own life,
And enters the path of everlasting progress.

-Dr. James W. Lee.

Dr. J. L. D. Blevans, the son of Richard F. Blevans and Sarah Blevans, was born in Miller County, Missouri, January 25th, 1836. His father having died a few months after his birth, his mother remained a widow for nine years. In 1845 she married Mr. John Anderson of Jefferson City, Missouri, in which town the subject of this notice was reared to manhood. In 1852, he entered Masonic College, now Central Female College, Lexington, Missouri. Afterward he read medicine with Dr. Tennison Mathews of Jefferson City, Missouri, engaging in the practice of medicine in Kansas Territory in 1856. During the same year he married Miss Mary F. Yocum of Kentucky, to whom were born five children. He continued in the practice of medicine principally in Nevada and Jefferson City, Missouri, with marked success until the spring of 1867, when he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Jefferson City Station, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Rev. John A. Murphy, Presiding Elder. He joined the Southwest Missouri Conference at Kansas City in 1872, and was appointed Presiding Elder of the Kansas City District in 1877, which he served for two years. Afterward he was appointed to Lexington District as Presiding Elder, which relation he sustained for three years consecutively. His health having failed, he was superannuated, which relation he sustains to this date. Being devotedly attached to art, he has given much of his spare time for many years past to portrait and landscape painting. His success in this particular line has been phenomenal. His paintings may be seen in many of the Middle and Western states. And now that he is no longer able to do itinerant work, he devotes his time principally to art, especially to portraiture. Dr. Blevans is a man of ability, and his work as a preacher and administrator is known to the brethren and the churches.

HYMN.

By CHARLES WESLEY.

I.

See how great a flame aspires,
  Kindled by a spark of grace!
Jesus' love the nations fires,
  Sets the kingdoms on a blaze:
To bring fire on earth he came;
  Kindled in some hearts it is;
O that all might catch the flame—
  All partake the glorious bliss!

II.

When he first the work begun,
  Small and feeble was his day;
Now the word doth swiftly run;
  Now it wins its widening way:
More and more it spreads and grows,
  Ever mighty to prevail;
Sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows,
  Shakes the trembling gates of hell.

III.

Saw ye not the cloud arise,
  Little as a human hand?
Now it spreads along the skies,
  Hangs o'er all the thirsty land;
Lo! the promise of a shower
  Drops already from above;
But the Lord will shortly pour
  All the spirit of His love.

HYMN.

By CHARLES WESLEY.

I.

Come, thou almighty King,
Help us they name to sing,
  Help us to praise!
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
  Ancient of days!

II.

Come, thou Incarnate Word,
Gird on thy mighty sword,
  Our prayer attend;
Come, and thy people bless,
And give they word success:
Spirit of holiness,
  On us descend!

III.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear,
  In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
  Spirit of power!

IV.

To the great One and Three,
Eternal praises be
  Hence, evermore:
His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
  Love and adore!

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.



MRS. LON V. STEPHENS.

1806—CENTENNIAL APPOINTMENTS—1906.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

R. S. Hunter.....Presiding Elder
Marshall.....J. E. McDonald
Malta Bend and Grand Pass.....
.....S. P. Cayton
Miami and Mt. Carmel....W. H. Heslar
Gilliam and Cambridge.....E. K. Wolfe
Slater.....W. M. Rader
Orearville and Shiloh....To be supplied
Arrow Rock and Smith's Chapel...
.....To be supplied
Nelson Circuit.....E. T. Raney
Booneville.....W. H. Winton
Pilot Grove and Pleasant Green....
.....T. P. Cobb
Bunceton and Bell Air.....J. F. Caskey
Glensted.....Supplied by D. I. Slipher
Vienna Circuit..Supplied by J. S. Wilcox
Versailles.....S. W. Emory
California Circuit.....
.....Supplied by Walter H. Smith
Jamestown Circuit.....
.....Supplied by Samuel Lopp Supy
Russellville Circuit....V. M. Crutsinger
Jefferson City and West End.....
.....U. G. Foote
Linn Circuit.....
C. B. Cotterman and L. B. Cotterman
Students at Yale.....
...J. B. Game and Charles Franklin

REV. ULYSSES GRANT FOOTE.

High hearts are never long without hearing some new call, some Distant clarion of God.—*Dr. James Martineau.*



Rev. Ulysses Grant Foote was born May 10th, 1870, in Grayson County, Kentucky. He is a son of John P. Foote and Sarah O. Foote, both of whom were Methodists. He was converted in Daviess County, Kentucky, under the ministry of Rev. Geo. P. McGhee, in August, 1896. He had joined the Church, however, in Oldham County, Kentucky, in 1880. He was seriously convicted while working on the farm. Hearing of a revival some ten miles away, he determined to go and find peace. The invitation was given, he went forward and found the Saviour, and all his burdens were taken away. The conviction to preach has been a lifelong one with him, for he preached to his playmates in childhood. He was licensed to preach in April, 1887, by the Quarterly Conference of Settle Memorial Church, Owensboro, Kentucky; Rev. Dennis Spurrier was pastor, and Rev. H. M. Ford, Presiding Elder; this same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in 1891, and he was received on trial into the Annual Conference in September, 1891; Rev. James M. Lawson, Presiding Elder, and Bishop A. W. Wilson, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, in 1893, at Elkton, Kentucky; was ordained Elder by Bishop A. G. Haygood in 1895, at Madisonville, Kentucky. He has served the following charges: Clay Street, Henderson, Kentucky, two years; Main Street, Owensboro, Kentucky, one year; Hawesville, Kentucky, four years; Elkton, Kentucky, one year; Chestnut Street, Louisville, three years; transferred to the Kentucky Conference to supply Hill Street, Lexington, four years; transferred to Southwest Missouri Conference, and his present location is Jefferson City, Missouri. He has received about eleven hundred persons into the Church. Under his pastorates the following churches have been built: Clay Street, Henderson, Kentucky; Baskett, Kentucky; Park Avenue, Lexington; and parsonages bought at Hawesville and Elkton, Kentucky. He attended the public schools, Bremen Academy, and Greenville College for Young Men. He was married to Miss Mary Emily Randolph, October 31st, 1894. Four children have been born to them, John Randolph Foote, Tandy Quisenberry Foote, Mary Cosby Foote, and Sarah Louise Foote. The writings of Shakespeare, Hugo, Tennyson, Emerson and Henry Drummond have all been helpful to him. While in the Louisville Conference he was interested in the educational work of the conference, being on the Educational Board. He gave a library to the Lindsay Wilson Training School at Columbia, Kentucky, wrote the Epworth Topics for the Central Methodist for several years, and has written more or less for the church and other periodicals.

THE NEW METHODIST CHURCH AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI.



The new Methodist Church at Jefferson City is a structure that is a monument to the religious devotion of the Methodist congregation, its pastor and those who had the consummation of this worthy object in hand. Work, self-denial, co-operation and splendid management were all exercised in accomplishing what a few years ago was an anticipation, but which is now a realization. The efforts of the Methodist denomination have not only secured a splendid edifice in which to worship the Giver of all things for His bounty, but have given to the city of Jefferson an ornament in the way of a public structure that is a credit even to the capital city. An unsightly locality has been transformed into a pleasing sight. The people who are responsible for this have more than made two blades of grass grow where only one grew before. Their product is at the same time artistic and imposing—a thing of beauty, the existence of which will be a joy forever to those who have striven and worked to glorify His name. Any reference to the new church would be incomplete without some words of commendation for those who so unselfishly devoted their time and their means towards erecting it. Rev. A. H. Barnes, the pastor, was the entrepreneur and the mentor of this religious enterprise. It is a tribute "more lasting than brass" to the devotion he has always shown in the cause to which he is devoting his life. Both the city and his parishioners owe him much that cannot be repaid except by grateful remembrance of his stay here as a citizen and a worker in the vineyard of his Master. Besides Rev. Mr. Barnes there are others whose efforts contributed much. Ex-Governor and Mrs. Stephens donated, liberally of their means, and Mrs. Stephens was prominent in every effort of the New Church Workers. General and Mrs. H. Clay Ewing were also ardent workers for the new structure. The combined efforts of the New Church Workers probably accomplished more for the building of the new church than any other agency. Every stone in the edifice is a memento of the unceasing, unselfish work they did. There were eighty-five noble women in that organization, and there were no figure heads. Every one was what the name of the society signified—a church worker. The building committee composed of Ex-Governor Lon V. Stephens, T. M. Bradbury, A. R. Johnson, M. R. Sinks, L. D. Gordon and H. Clay Ewing, managed the construction. The style is Gothic with Romanesque qualifications, a most effective combination and a credit to the artistic taste of the designer. Bishop Hendrix preached the dedicatory sermon.



EX-GOVERNOR LON V. STEPHENS.

By Rev. Arthur Hull Barnes.

The new church at Jefferson City was born in the brain of Governor Stephens. He was entertaining Bishop Candler in the Governor's Mansion at Jefferson City, and before the Bishop left, Governor Stephens told him if he would give them a man who would work with the Governor and his good wife, that a new church could be built that would be an honor to State-wide Methodism. I was sent to the charge, and want to state who it was that made the church a possibility. The State of Missouri had for a Governor a man whose name was national, and the Methodist Church a staunch supporter in Governor Lon V. Stephens. From the first, enthusiasm was stirred by a gift from Mr. Stephens for $5,000.00. After struggling along for fourteen months, receiving from many others, gifts large and small, and of these mention ought to be made of General H. Clay Ewing and Mrs. Ewing, the Ladies' Organization of New Church Workers, Mrs. Stephens and the Governor sent in another subscription of $5,000.00, putting the whole enterprise out of the question mark class, and announcing to the world a great success for Methodism at our State Capital. And in addition to this outright gift of $10,000.00, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens solicited another $5,000.00 from their friends, thus bringing to the enterprise one-half of its cost, $15,000.00. We were thus exceedingly fortunate as a church in having a Methodist Governor, and still more fortunate in having one who was vitally interested in the church. So it is a courtesy due, though unsought, for honorable mention to be made in an historical document, such as this volume is, to perpetuate the wise foresight and consecrated planning and noble giving of Governor Stephens and Mrs. Stephens, which made possible our splendid new church at the State Capital. It is also fitting to place by the cut of the new church the pictures of these noble servants of Christ.



REV. LOUIS HIDER VANDIVER.

Every doctrine of Christianity passes through the experience of Christian living and becomes real through its power to help.
—*Bishop Hendrix.*

Rev. Louis Hider Vandiver, son of Samuel Vandiver and Caroline Vandiver, was born August 19th, 1830, near Mooresfield, Hardy County, Virginia. He was converted when eighteen years old at a camp meeting held about four miles from his home. After eight or ten hours of deep conviction, of mental and heart-felt agony, he was most gloriously converted. One week later he joined the church under the ministry of Rev. A. A. Eskridge, of Baltimore Conference. For six years he made progress in the divine life, but later, cares retarded his religious development, then he removed to Missouri where his changed surroundings were not conducive to religious growth, and backsliding followed. In February, 1857, the death of an infant daughter brought him back to duty and to the full assurance of salvation. He was licensed to preach in 1870, by the Quarterly Conference of Centralia Circuit, Fayette District; Rev. Thomas DeMoss, preacher in charge, and Rev. W. A. Mayhew, Presiding Elder. He joined the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1880, having been recommended by the Jamestown Circuit. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Doggett at Clinton, Missouri, September 29th, 1878; ordained Elder by Bishop McTyeire, October 3rd, 1880. He served the following charges: Slater Circuit; Longwood and High Point; Hume; Westport Circuit; Blue Springs; Oak Grove; Sweet Springs; Black Water; Waverly Station; Malta Bend and Grand Pass; Versailles Station. He took the superannuated relation in 1900, in which he still remains. About fifteen hundred persons have been converted and added to the church under his ministry. The church at Gilliam, Saline County, and the one at Hume, Bates County, were built under his pastorate, and he secured subscriptions for two others; built the parsonage at Jamestown and repaired the Waverly parsonage. He received his education in the common schools of Virginia and finished in the Grammar School of Moorefield, Virginia. His first wife, and the mother of his children, was Miss Mary A. Vance, to whom he was married February 23rd, 1853. On December 26th, 1888, he was married to Mrs. E. C. Glover. The names of his children are: Willard D. Vandiver (Congressman), J. S. Vandiver, now deceased, and Mrs. C. E. Davis. He says his call to the ministry has been the most important crisis in his life. He thinks the Christian College is of the most vital importance to the existence of the church and the perpetuity of the nation's highest life.

REV. TOBIAS PETER COBB.

Out of perishable material He would build an imperishable Structure. —*Bishop McTyeire.*

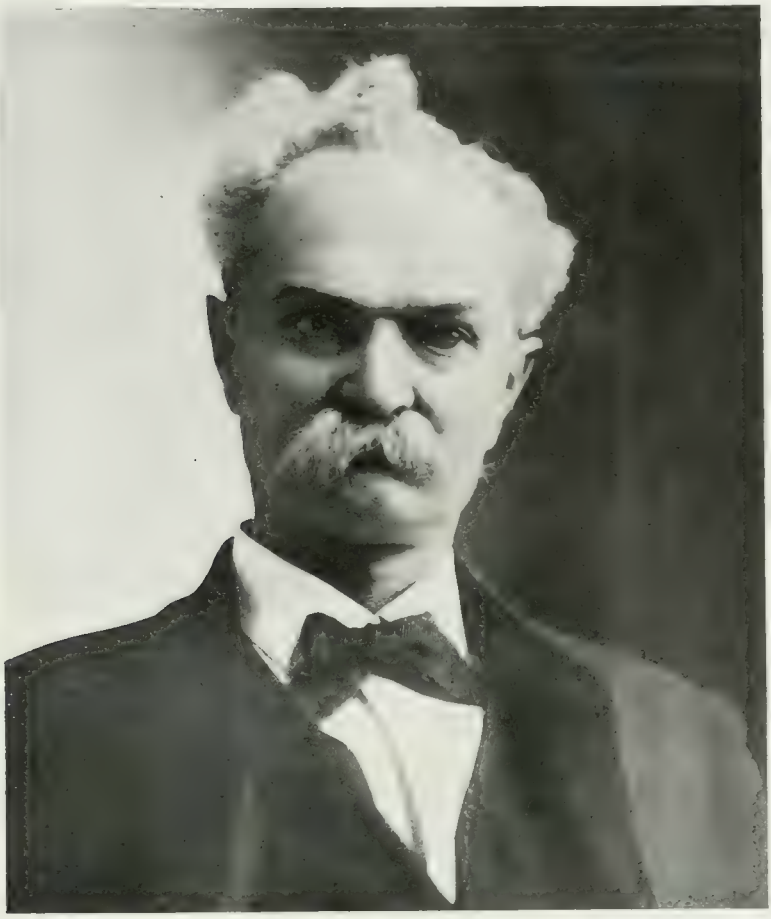
Rev. Tobias Peter Cobb, son of James M. Cobb and Polly Cobb, was born in Lafayette County, Missouri, January 7th, 1846. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in the spring of 1859, at Chapel Hill, Missouri, at a union meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterians and the Southern Methodists. He was converted while the congregation was kneeling in prayer; he simply felt a thrill run through his soul, and knew that God had done something for him that he could not do himself. He has not always been as true, he says, as he should be, but as a rule he has kept the evil spirit out of his life, and the way grows brighter and better every year. He was licensed to preach in 1870, by the Quarterly Conference of Columbus Circuit, Kansas City District; Rev. S. Bryant, Presiding Elder, and Rev. R. Minchal, preacher in charge; the same Quarterly Conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial in 1874; Rev. W. B. Godbey, Presiding Elder; received into the Annual Conference in 1874; Rev. W. B. Godbey, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Keener, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Keener at Lexington, Missouri, in 1874; ordained Elder by Bishop Doggett at Clinton, Missouri, in 1878. Appointments served: Pink Hill Circuit, one year; Morrisville Circuit, one year; Kansas City Circuit, two years; Chapel Hill Circuit, two years; Pink Hill Circuit, one year; Clinton Circuit, two years; Chapel Hill Circuit, two years; Wellington, one year; Odessa Circuit, two years; Dover Circuit, two years; Sweet Springs, two years; Slater Station, two years; Waverly Station, two years; Joplin Station, one year; Carterville Station, one year; Oak Grove and Pleasant Prairie, two years; Lebanon District, three years; Garland Avenue, Kansas City, one year; Columbus Circuit, one year; Campbell Street, Kansas City, one year; Lone Jack, one year; Miami and Mt. Carmel, two years; now at Pilot Grove and Pleasant Green charge. About fifteen hundred persons have been received into the church under his ministry. One church on the Chapel Hill Circuit, two churches on the Wellington Circuit, one church at Odessa and one at Sweet Springs were built under his pastorate. He received his education at the common country schools. He was married to Miss Frances C. Wagoner, May 15th, 1866, and their children are: Alvin T., Eva A., Nora Esther, Josie, Toba, Mary and Walton Cobb. He considers his conversion and call to the ministry the most important crisis in his life. Some of the books that have been most helpful to him, aside from the Bible, have been "Pilgrim's Progress," "Watson's Institutes," "Ralston's Elements of Divinity," "Wesley's Notes," and the history of good men.



REV. MILTON ADKISSON.

The Soul exults in the Hope of Immortality;
The Light of it shines all along our pathway.
—*Bishop Marvin.*

Rev. Milton Adkisson, son of Walker Adkisson and Ann Adkisson, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born at Napton, Saline County, Missouri, April 29th, 1835. He was converted at Ridge Prairie Camp Meeting in August, 1852, and joined the church, September 1st, following, under the ministry of Rev. W. M. Prottsman and Rev. T. M. Finney. His conversion, preceded by two days of deep penitence and earnest prayer, was clear, distinct and satisfactory. Since then his growth in grace has been constant. He knows more of God now than when he first believed, and he has the happy consciousness that he is His child. He was licensed to preach June 1st, 1855, by the Quarterly Conference of Arrow Rock Circuit; Rev. Joseph Dines, pastor, and Rev. J. Mitchell, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the St. Louis Conference for admission on trial by the Warsaw Circuit that same year; and was received on trial at Springfield, Missouri, in September, 1855; Bishop John Early, presiding. He was ordained Deacon in Boonville, September 27th, 1857, by Bishop Andrew, and ordained Elder in Independence, September, 1859, by Bishop Paine. He served the following charges: Hermitage Circuit; Cassville Mission; Georgetown Circuit; Versailles Circuit; Manchester Circuit; Versailles Station; Manchester Station; Miami and Mt. Carmel; Dover Circuit; Lexington District; Harrisonville Circuit, Pleasant Hill Circuit; Lebanon District; Boonville District; Montrose Circuit; Malta Bend and Grand Pass. His name was placed on the roll of superanuates in 1895, which relation he still sustains. Under his pastorate a parsonage was built at Versailles, and Self's Chapel, at Salem and Harrisonville. He has been married three times, the last time to Miss Sarah F. Saunders, April 15th, 1885, and the names of his children are: Andrew Adkisson (now a member of the Pacific Conference), Mrs. Fannie Huston, Mrs. Lizzie K. Smothers, Miss Annie Adkisson and R. Walker Adkisson. He claims that "Wesley's Sermons," "Watson's Institutes," "Ralston's Elements of Divinity," "Clarke's Commentaries" and "Fletcher's Appeal" have been the most helpful books to him. It is his belief that the Christian College is one of the most important and hopeful means of insuring success to both church and state. For more than fifty years Brother Adkisson has been an humble, devout, good Christian man; an intelligent, instructive, helpful preacher, and a faithful, true, loving friend. Hundreds of souls have been converted and added to the church through his ministry and thousands have been edified and had their faith strengthened thereby.



HON. WILLARD DUNCAN VANDIVER, A. M.

For the men of true intellect, as I assert and believe always, Is the noble-hearted Man withal, the true, just, humane, and Valiant Man. —*Thomas Carlyle.*

Hon. Willard Duncan Vandiver was born in Hardy County, Virginia (now West Virginia), March 30th, 1854. He came to Missouri in 1857.

He is the son of Rev. L. H. Vandiver, who has been for nearly thirty years past an honored member of the Southwest Missouri Conference, and now lives at Fayette, Missouri, on the retired list.

His mother, Mary A. Vance Vandiver, a member of the Vance family in Virginia, died in 1885.

Mr. W. D. Vandiver was brought up on the farm, and educated in the common schools and at Central College, Fayette, Mo., where he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1872, and where he graduated in 1877.

He was Professor of Mathematics in Bellevue Institute, of the St. Louis Conference, at Caledonia, Mo., for two years, and then President for nine years. He was the Professor of Physics and Chemistry in the State Normal School at Cape Girardeau, Mo., for four years, and was then President of that Institution for four years.

He then served eight years in Congress, being elected four times from the Fourteenth District of Missouri, being the only man who was ever elected four times from this District. His services in Congress was notable chiefly for his long and continuous fight on the Armor Plate Trust while a member of the Naval Committee, which resulted in saving several millions of dollars to the Government.

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1806—CENTENNIAL APPOINTMENTS—1906.

NEVADA DISTRICT.

W. A. McCLANAHAN, P. E.

Nevada-Centenary.....W. T. McClure
Nevada-Austin and West Arch.....
.....J. G. Haynes
Sheldon and Marvin....C. L. Stouffer
Moundville Circuit.....J. R. Hargis
Richards and Stotesbury...E. H. Orear
Hume and Underwood...T. H. Clayton
Sprague Circuit.....I. A. Smith
Rich Hill.....Perry Long
Butler.....W. D. Amack
Passaic Circuit.....
.....Suppplied by L. A. Blevans
Archie Circuit.....W. B. Bull
Spruce Circuit.....J. W. Riley
Chilhowee Circuit.....
A. S. Swanson, G. L. Cofman, Supy.
Huntingdale Circuit.....W. F. Briggs
Windsor.....F. E. Gordon
Windsor Circuit. Supplied by J. K. Speer
Calhoun Circuit.....R. J. Kyle
Clinton.....W. C. Bewley
Montrose Circuit.....B. A. McKnight
Appleton City Circuit.....Supplied
El Dorado Springs.....J. R. Strong
Students in Central College..T. P. Wood
Y. M. C. A. Work.....J. K. Beery
Conference Missionary Secretary..
.....W. T. McClure
Conference Missionary Evangelist..
.....W. G. Beasley

REV. PRESTON PHILIPS.

There is a budding morrow in midnight.
—*Keats.*



Rev. Preston Philips was born in Boon County, Missouri, February 6th, 1829. His parents were both of marked intelligence and high principle, and faithful adherents of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was educated in the county schools and at the State University. After leaving school he engaged in business in Santa Fe, New Mexico, for about two years. Returning to Missouri, he was married to Miss Mary T. Boon, whom he had left to finish her studies at Howard College. Leaving his wife a few weeks after their marriage, he crossed the plains in 1850, and was for some time engaged in mining and prospecting near Stockton, California. Not liking the West, he returned to Missouri and settled on a farm near Old Brick Chapel, now Locust Grove, in Boon County. Here he was converted at a Methodist Camp Meeting. He joined the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Glasgow in 1857. His first appointment was Kirksville. In 1859 he was transferred to Texas. The opening of the war caused him to resign his pastorate at San Marcos, to become chaplain of the 32nd Regular Texas Cavalry. At the close of the war he came back to Missouri, and engaged in business in Sedalia, where he was largely instrumental in the building of its first Southern Methodist Church. In the fall of 1873, he again joined the itineracy and served various works in Cooper, Saline, Lafayette, Johnson and Pettis Counties, with one quadrennium on the old Boonville District. Brother Philips was a man whose sincere piety and manly probity, none who knew him ever doubted. To the church and his family he left the most precious legacy a man can leave—an example of abiding faith in, and fidelity to God. Two of his sons became ministers in the Southwest Missouri Conference; two of his daughters were for some years engaged in mission work in China; the older as teacher in the schools in Suchow; the younger, after finishing a medical course in Philadelphia, built the first woman's hospital operated by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, (located in Suchow), and was its resident physician until her husband's failing health recalled her to America. Brother Philips' preaching showed more than the average grasp of the verities of religion and was exceptional in its fervor and earnestness. He was a devoted lover of, and a liberal contributor to the cause of missions. He loved the brethren of the ministry and died July 29th, 1892, in their ranks, at Independence, Missouri, with abiding faith in the Christ whom he had preached.

REV. J. W. PERRY.

O, Son of God! is it not a joy to die for Thee!—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. J. W. Perry, the son of Rev. Richard Perry, a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Mary Perry, was born in Scott County, Virginia, March 24th, 1834. While he was yet a small boy, his parents located in Shelby County, Missouri, where he grew to manhood. When the war broke out between the states, J. W. Perry espoused the cause of the South and raised a company in Northeast Missouri, and started South with them, and while on the way to Price's army, there was an incident took place which sent conviction to his heart, and he never got rid of it until he was converted. He was converted while in the Southern army, and when he returned to his home in Shelby County, Missouri, in 1865, he took an active part in all the services of the church, and in the spring of 1867, at Shelbyville, Missouri, under Rev. B. H. Spencer, as Presiding Elder, and Rev. W. W. McMurry, preacher in charge, he was licensed to preach, and in the fall of 1868, he supplied Lancaster, Missouri, in the Macon District. He served that work two years, then supplied Milan Circuit. He joined the Missouri Conference at Palmyra in 1871, and was sent to Bethany Circuit and served that work two years; Jameson, one year; Jamesport, two years; Polo, two years. He was transferred to the West Texas Conference, and appointed to the San Marcos Circuit for one year. He then located and moved to Neosho, Missouri, but helped the pastors nearby in revival meetings and built him a home. The next fall he joined the Southwest Missouri Conference and traveled the Pineville, Sarcoxie and Newtonia Circuits. Th fall of 1888, he was appointed to Waynesville Circuit; the next year to Richland. Health and voice failing him, he located in Oklahoma where he engaged in business, but spent his Sundays preaching. He organized several classes in this new country, held quarterly meetings for the Presiding Elder, when it was necessary, and baptized and received members into the church for the young preachers who were not ordained. He was faithful to the church, supported it with his labor and means so far as he was able until the time of his death. He was taken sick July 10th, 1894, and died October 8th, 1894. He was buried by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith, of our church, at Norman, Oklahoma.

REV. JOHN YOUNG BUSBY.

In the pearl of His sayings Jesus reveals at once His nearness
To the Father and to His brethren.—*Bishop Hendrix.*

By Rev. W. G. Beasley.



Rev. John Young Busby was born in Owen County, Indiana, May 29th, 1846. His parents were Methodists and he grew up in an atmosphere of religious fervor and devotion such as was taught and practiced by the Methodists of that time. It is not surprising, therefore, that he was converted when he was fourteen. His reference to this event was always with great pleasure. He received a call to preach at the same time he was converted, but owing to his timidity and a feeling of unfitness for this high office he fought the conviction until his twenty-fifth year. Having taught school for five years in the meantime, he finally yielded to God's will and remained true to that consecration. He joined the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1873 and was ordained Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh September 23, 1877. His first appointment was Martinsville, Illinois, his home Circuit. He had lived there since a boy. There was a good Academy at that place and it was in this that he received the most of his education. He had the care of his father's family from the age of fourteen till he was married. His other appointments in Illinois were Eldara and Detroit, Mt. Sterling Circuit, Canton Station, Tioga Circuit, Clay City Circuit; and those in Missouri were Chilhowie Circuit (with sixteen appointments), La Monte and Dresden, Odessa and Marvin, Malta Bend and Grand Pass, Longwood and High Point, Carterville Station, Rich Hill Station, Bunceton and Pleasant Green, Blue Springs and Atherton, Versailles Circuit, Calhoun and Hickory Grove, Sheldon and Marvin. He never served a work in which he did not have conversions. His chief ambition was to be a soul winner. He was happiest when pointing a soul to Christ. To him the work of the Methodist ministry was the most sacred and glorious, and he gave thirty-three years of faithful service to it without intermission or vacation.

He was a good preacher, practical, earnest and Biblical. His convictions were strong; his opposition to evil of all kinds was vigorous, but in a Christianlike spirit. He was modest, but manly; a Christian gentleman. He was true in his friendships; generous in his feelings toward all; free from envy; hospitable; he kept young; had a bright sunny spirit, kept so by unbroken communion with God, and scattered good cheer everywhere he went. His tender feeling for the young, and especially for child life, was most beautiful.

His first marriage was to Miss Louisa Barr at Marshall, Illinois, September 7th, 1870. The child of this marriage, Mrs. Leslie Cummins, is an active worker in the church. He was married to Miss Mary O. New, September 16th, 1877, who with their three daughters, Mrs. E. M. Palmer, Mrs. J. J. Stockard and Miss Mildred, have the precious memory of his good life to assist them in carrying forward the good work to which he devoted his life.

His health had been feeble for some time and he oft expressed the desire that he might "die in the haness." This desire was granted, for he preached twice on Sunday, January 21st, 1906, and on the following Tuesday morning was stricken with apoplexy, and as the evening shades gathered his noble spirit flew away to God.



MR. H. K. WOOD. REV. H. A. WOOD. MRS. H. K. WOOD.

REV. HOWARD ALEXANDER WOOD.

Jesus Christ, preached and accepted in all his offices, is the Foundation which all wise Master-builders lay.—*Bishop McTyeire.*

Rev. Howard Alexander Wood, son of Harvey K. Wood and Fannie W. Wood, was born November 17th, 1872, at Lamonte, Missouri. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in March, 1887, at Hume, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. L. H. Vandiver, and joined the church March 27th, 1887, at Hume, Missouri. He was converted at the old fashioned mourner's bench. The influence of his strict and devout parents, of Circuit preachers, the Y. M. C. A., and the morning prayer meeting at Central College have all been a means toward his growth in grace, and to a more perfect love of God and man. He was licensed to preach August 18th, 1894, at Underwood Chapel, on the Hume District, Southwest Missouri Conference; Rev. M. M. Pugh, Presiding Elder, and Rev. T. C. Puckett, pastor. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Denver District Conference in the spring of 1900; received into the Annual Conference on trial in August, 1900; Rev.J. H. Ledbetter, Presiding Elder, and H. C. Morrison, Bishop; ordained Deacon by Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, at Pueblo, Colorado, August 31st, 1902; ordained Elder by Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, August 21st, 1904, at Colorado Springs, Colorado. As a local preacher he served as supply in the Columbia Conference, also on the Papinsville Circuit, in the Southwest Missouri Conference. His first regular appointment was to Morrison Memorial Church, Denver, where he served four years, then to Walsenburg, Colorado, Denver Conference, and served four years there. About one hundred and seventy-five persons have united with the church under his ministry. He received his education in the Public High School of Hume, Missouri, being the first male graduate of that school; at the State Normal at Warrensburg, Missouri, and at Fayette, Missouri. He was married to Miss Libbie Eve Bacon, April 28th, 1897, and their children are Geneva Louella Wood and George Harvey Wood; they have one child dead. He considers his marriage to a faithful and trustworthy woman, who is a devout Christian and a fine church musician, as being the most important event in his life. The publications of our own church, especially the works of Bishop Hendrix, have been books that have most helped him, aside from the Bible. He moved with his parents from Pettis County, to Bates County, at the age of two years, and has been a resident of this county, at Hume, Missouri, for twenty-two years. His father is one of the substantial farmers of that county, and he himself knew no other occupation until he began preparation to enter the ministry.

MR. HARVEY KEMP WOOD.

Jesus Christ has succeeded in making of every human soul an Appendage to His own.—*Napoleon.*

Harvey Kemp Wood, son of Alexander Wood and Martha Wood, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born in Clarke County, Virginia, August 4th, 1846. He was converted at the Higgins School House under the ministry of Isaac Locke, an exhorter and layman, and joined the Black Water Chapel Church in Pettis County, Missouri. His conversion was very bright and clear and he has never had a doubt concerning it. He feels and knows that he has grown in grace and he has a desire to do good and live an humble Christian. He was married to Miss Fannie D. Wheeler November 20th, 1870, and they have the following children: Forrest K. Wood, Bettie E. Wood, Nora N. Wood, Mabel V. Wood, Howard A. Wood, William Ernest Wood and Clarence W. Wood. Brother Wood is one of the pioneer Methodists in Bates County—the first to entertain preachers and Presiding Elders and to plan for our new churches and parsonages. By hard work on the farm he gave each of his eight children a first-class education in High Schools and Colleges. He is held in very high esteem by all who know him in this section of the state, and his word is his bond, his influence as an ointment poured forth. His generosity is known to all. Of limited means himself, he is the first to subscribe to any collection at church for missions, the preacher, Presiding Elder, or anything good. He never swore an oath, took a chew of tobacco or a drink of whiskey in his life. Of late years he has suffered the severest pain known in his eyes, and the wonder of all who see him is his patience and resignation. He is a great and good man.

REV. JOHN MANDVILLE WEEMS.

Brotherhood and Friendliness, the nurse of mutual good.—*Keats.*



Rev. John Mandville Weems, son of Dr. George A. Weems and Elizabeth M. Weems, was born September 10th, 1856, in Newton County, Missouri. He was converted August 15th, 1878, at Harmony camp ground under the immediate ministry of Rev. J. F. Gracey, of the C. P. Church, but united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, August 20th, 1878. His repentance was deep and his conversion was clear and unmistakable and his whole life was transformed. His Christian life was a joyous and victorious one, but soon there was created in him a hunger for holiness. He fell under influences adverse to the doctrine of instantaneous sanctification and for more than twenty years the battle waged in his heart and mind, but at last his heart hunger for purity and holiness conquered his doubts and on February 23rd, 1901, he fully consecrated his life to Jesus and the blessed comforter came with fulness of joy and his soul was made perfect in love. He was licensed to preach in September, 1879, by the Quarterly Conference of the Neosho District of the Southwest Missouri Conference; Rev. Thomas J. Stringfield, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. B. Landreth, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the same Quarterly Conference at the same time, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in October, 1879, at Kansas City; Rev. J. B. Landreth, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Wightman, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop George F. Pierce, at Springfield, Missouri, October 1st, 1881; ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Boonville, Missouri, September 30th, 1883. He has served the following charges: Versailles Circuit, one year; Lebanon Circuit, two years; Little Osage Circuit, three years; Harrisonville Circuit, two years; Lebanon District, one year; Las Cruces, New Mexico, one year; Ventura Station, California, three years; Butte City Circuit, California, one year; Willows Station, one year; Butte City, one year; San Jose, one year; Phoenix, Arizona, four years; Arizona District, three years; Pomona, California, two years; Haynesville, Louisiana, one year; Zwolle, Louisiana, two years. About thirteen hundred persons have been received into the church under his ministry. The following churches and parsonages have been built under his pastorate: Marvin Chapel, Las Curces, New Mexico; Ventura, California; parsonage at Princeton, California; parsonage at Phoenix, Arizona, Chapel at Sprague, Missouri; Chapel at Hume, Missouri; finished and furnished Underwood Chapel, in Vernon County, Missouri. His education was received at Neosho Seminary. He was married August 22nd, 1880, to Miss Ida Gertrude Hanna, and they have the following children: Mandville, Akin, Clyda Elizabeth, Allen Elmo, David Oscar, Leta Mae and Laura Lea Weems. The two most important events in his life have been his conversion and the hour God graciously cleansed his heart from sin and filled it with His precious perfect love. Some of the books which have been most helpful to him, aside from the Bible, have been "Wesley's Sermons," "Ralston's Elements of Divinity," "The Bishops' Cabinet," "Marvin's Life of Caples," "Life of Marvin," "Marvin's Work of Christ," "Young's Christ of History," and "Wesley's Plain Account."

REV. STONEWALL JACKSON BROWN, A. M.

All that is loveliest and most exalting in spiritual beauty and Immortal hope comes within the sphere of vision.—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. Stonewall Jackson Brown was born April 8th, 1864, amid the foothills of the Blue Ridge, on the thoroughfare from the valley to the east, along which the intrepid, daring soldier, whose name he bears, swept with his veteran foot cavalry from his victories in the valley to his greater victories in the rear of the beseiging armies around Richmond. The chieftain's name was fit for the little fellow who, like the Confederate champion, rose from obscurity amid the rugged hills, and, like him, endowed with courage and character, has achieved success thus far in life. May 10th, 1880, he entered the Miller Manual Labor School, of Albermarle County, Virginia, as a student of architecture. Upon his withdrawal he planned and built several large buildings for the school. At the age of twenty he was called to the death bed of his mother. There, as she was dying, he consecrated himself to God. He entered Emory and Henry College, and from the start he was efficient in study and in good words and works. In 1884 he was licensed to preach, and without delay he put his soul into his life work. Smoothly and uniformly affable, kind, upright, industrious, straight forward, capable, faithful, successful, he has won and held the esteem and love of all wherever he has labored. Completing with high approval the full college course, winning several honors, he graduated, June 8th, 1888, with the degree of A. B. and A. M. At the Session of the Virginia Conference, which met in Portsmouth, Virginia, he was, by Bishop Granbery, ordained and appointed to Danville. He speaks fluently and pleasantly, and in a manner to attract the attention of his audience. In 1890 he was transferred from the Virginia Conference to the Southwest Missouri Conference and appointed as junior preacher of the Walnut Street Church, Kansas City; Dr. J. J. Tigert, afterward Bishop, being senior. He was pastor of Washington Street Church, Kansas City, 1892 and 1893. In June, 1892, he was married to Miss Rowena Elsawan Flynn, of Danville, Virginia. He then served Odessa Station, 1904 and 1905. From there he was appointed to Gilliam and Cambridge, where he served that charge four years; was then appointed to Harrisonville Station, remaining but one year, and was appointed Presiding Elder of the Neosho District, where he labored for four years with great efficiency. He served Windsor Station, 1905; was transferred to his native Conference and appointed to Wright Memorial Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, where he is still stationed.



REV. THOMAS HORNE CLAYTON.

The mind with moral and religious truth, both understood and Practiced.—*Wordsworth.*

Rev. Thomas Horne Clayton, son of Thomas H. Clayton and Mary H. Clayton, was born in Crawford County, Missouri, October 24th, 1869. He was reared in a Methodist home, both parents being members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in Crawford County, Missouri, January 5th, 1894, under the ministry of Rev. J. F. Comer, and joined the church at that time. He was alone with God when he consciously repented and renounced his sins and was consciously saved. There was nothing startling about his conversion, but it was definite and clear. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Richwoods Circuit, St. Louis Conference; Rev. John F. Comer being the preacher in charge, and Rev. A. J. Green, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, May 28th, 1896, by the Washington District Conference, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1896; Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, presiding, and Rev. A. J. Green, Presiding Elder; was ordained Deacon September 25th, 1898, at DeSoto, Missouri, by Bishop Warren A. Candler; was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery, September 23rd, 1900, at St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, South, St. Louis, Missouri. Appointments filled are as follows: St. Louis Conference, Jake Prairie, 1895-1897; Plattin Circuit, 1897-1898; Cedar Grove Circuit, 1898-1900; Birch Tree, 1900-1904; Southwest Missouri Conference, Archie, 1904-1905; Hume. About three hundred persons have been received into the church during the years of his ministry. He completed the church at Lick Creek, Crawford County, Missouri, built one at New Hope, Dent County, Missouri, and the Bethany Chapel in Shannon County, Missouri. His education was obtained in the public schools of Missouri. He was married to Miss Myrtle Lenore Ellis, September 20th, 1896, and his children are: Mary Imogene Clayton, Florine Ellis Clayton, and Tommie Evelyn Clayton. His earnest effort to "flee from the wrath to come and be saved from his sins," culminating in his conversion and his entrance into the Christian ministry, all inseparably connected, are considered to be the important crisis in his life. "Pilgrim's Progress," "Life of Francis Asbury," "Pushing to the Front" and "Epistles of Paul" are some of the books that have helped him most in his Christian life. He considers the Christian College as indispensable in furnishing men and women for leadership, and with an intelligent appreciation of the church and her mission.

REV. JOHN WESLEY BOND.

The glory of Christianity is the normal man.—*Bishop Hendrix.*



Rev. John Wesley Bond, the eldest son of Rev. Joseph Bond and Martha R. Bond, was born in Simpson County, Kentucky, March 25th, 1834. His parents emigrated to Missouri in 1839, settling in Polk County, now Hickory County, Missouri. He professed religion at Bear Creek camp ground, Henry County, Missouri, in 1852, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was licensed to preach at Old Wesley Chapel, Benton County, Missouri, in 1855; Rev. D. A. Leeper, Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. O. Woods, preacher in charge. He and Rev. Milton Adkisson were licensed at the same time and place and joined the Conference at Springfield, Missouri, in the autumn of the same year. Of the entire class of some thirteen members, just these two remain. His first appointment was junior preacher under Rev. J. M. Proctor. This Circuit had eighteen appointments, about two hundred miles to ride, and he received sixty-five dollars as his part of the salary. Rev. J. L. Hagler professed religion that year under his ministry. Rev. J. M. Proctor was afflicted with his eyes and the whole work devolved on him. His health broke down and he was junior preacher next year to Rev. W. W. Mobley on the Harrisonville Circuit. He then traveled Butler Circuit, Montevallo and Enon Mission. In the fall of 1860 he was assigned to Hermitage, Missouri. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop James O. Andrew, 1857, at Boonville, Missouri; was ordained to Elder's orders at Independence, Missouri, by Bishop Paine in 1859. The war come up he went to Adams County, Illinois. He was married January 10th, 1861, to Miss Eva J. Ligon, of Barton County, Missouri. He took a certificate of location from Bishop Pierce at St. Louis, Missouri, 1869, and was engaged in farming while local, and preached regularly as a local preacher. He re-entered Conference at Neosho, and traveled regularly for eight years, when he took bronchial trouble and was obliged to rest. He then traveled three years in Texas, first in 1872 and 1873, Milam Circuit; a few years later a station in East Corsicana, while supernumerary, and went to Texas in 1903, and traveled the Santo Circuit that year; Rev. E. J. Boone, Presiding Elder. His first wife died June 2nd, 1888, and was buried at Morrisville, Missouri. By this marriage he has four daughters, Mrs. B. F. Williams, of Morrisville, Missouri; Mrs. B. F. Alsup, of Millsap, Texas; Mrs. R. L. Hughes, of Montrose, Missouri, and Mrs. Robert McKnight, of Wishart Missouri. He was married to Miss Fannie A. Gibbs, of Proctor, Missouri, May 25th, 1890. He has been preaching fifty-two years; traveled regularly for twenty-three years, and became a supernumerary fifteen years ago. He had a partial stroke of paralysis two years ago and is unable to do any kind of work, and is living with his family, wife and six children at Brock, Texas, where he has a little home.

REV. ERRELL HOGAN OREAR, A. B.

God has a definite life-plan for every human person, girding
Him, visibly or invisibly, for some exact thing, which it will
Be the true significance and glory of his life to have accomplished.
Dr. Bushnell.



Rev. Errell Hogan Orear was born in Marshall, Missouri, March 7th, 1880. His parents, Dr. L. Orear and Virginia Ruth Orear, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in Marshall, Missouri, during the year 1886 and joined the church that year under the ministry of Rev. R. S. Hunter. His conversion was brought about absolutely through the influence of his mother. He was kneeling with her at home while a little boy of seven years, when he gave his heart to God. He was naturally taught to think of God and gradually he took hold of some of the deep spiritual truths of the Gospel and applied them to his own heart and life. Oh, the richness of His grace. Sometimes he really thirsts,—that most intense desire which nothing else will satisfy,—for a love more perfect for God and man. He was licensed to preach at Chilhowee, Missouri, Clinton District Conference May 10th, 1900; Rev. Joseph King, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Nevada District Conference which met at Sheldon, Missouri, May, 1904. He was received in the Annual Conference on trial, 1904; Bishop Hendrix, presiding, and Rev. F. M. Burton, Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix at Sedalia, Missouri, September, 1904. He has served the following appointments: Appleton City, two years; Richards and Stotesbury to the present time, 1907. He has taken into the church up to this time two hundred and fourteen members. Schools attended: Butler Academy, Butler, Missouri, from which he graduated in 1899; Central College, 1899-1900; Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, graduated with A. B. degree in 1903. Some of the books that have been a help to him, are, Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, Life of Trust, by Geo. Mueller; Lives of Finney and Peter Cartwright, which he loved to read when a boy and which did him more good in shaping his character than the books read in after life. He believes the Christian College and the Church are inseparable. Certainly if the nation is to be a Christian nation, the time of the training of the statesmen who are to make her what she is, ought to be spent under Christian influences, such as are found in Christian Colleges.



REV. GILMORE LEE COFFMAN.

Heaven closest in this Earth we walk upon, God plainest in the Brother whom we pass.—*Arnold.*

Rev. Gilmore Lee Coffman is the son of Thomas and Mary Coffman. He was born in Saline County, Missouri, November 15th, 1874, of Methodist parents. His training in a Christian home led to his early conversion under the ministry of Rev. R. S. Hunter. He grew up in the church and therefore did not experience that vivid awakening that is often felt by persons converted later in life; but having been kept in touch with the sacred influences of the sanctuary, his conversion was of the quiet type. He was not active, however, as a Christian worker until he was about seventeen years of age, at which time he came under the influence of Rev. J. C. Coss, who helped him to come into closer relationship with the Church and its work.

While at work in Kansas City, and under the influence of the preaching of Rev. C. M. Bishop, D. D., the question of his call to the ministry was decided.

Applying to the District Conference of Boonville District, he was granted license to preach, May 26, 1899. Rev. W. T. McClure was his Presiding Elder at the time, and Rev. E. Y. Ginn was his pastor.

He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by Boonville District Conference, which met at Pilot Grove in the spring of 1901, and received on trial into the Southwest Missouri Conference in the fall of 1901; Bishop Candler, presiding, and Rev. W. T. McClure being his Presiding Elder.

He was ordained Deacon at Sedalia, Missouri, September 13, 1903, by Bishop Galloway; and ordained Elder at Butler, Missouri, in September, 1905, by Bishop Hendrix.

His appointments have been: Nelson Circuit, Dover and Providence, and Chilhowee Circuit. During his ministry he has received seventy-six persons into the church to the present time.

He attended the Marshall High School, the Kansas City High School and Missouri Valley College, where he did work as far as the Sophomore year. Ill health forced him to drop out of the Sophomore class in December, 1903.

He was married to Miss Ida May Campbell December 25, 1903, to which union one child has been born, Allan Campbell Coffman.

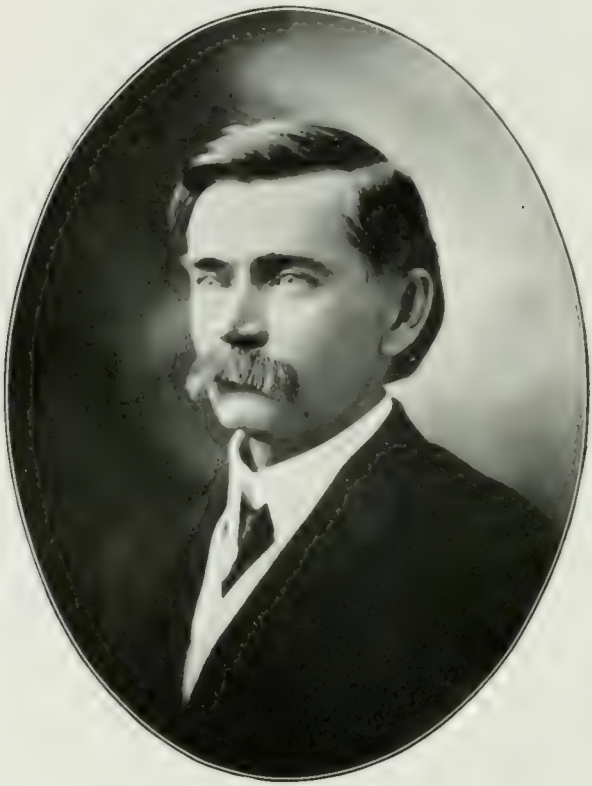
Brother Coffman names the following books especially helpful: The Golden Censor, The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table, Les Miserables, Ethics of the Dust, and the works of Dr. Hillis.

His idea of the Christian College is that it has as much to offer as to intellectual advantages as the state school, and besides this, it has the most important thing to offer—that of Christian influence.

He is a faithful and useful preacher.

REV. JOHN GILLIAM HAYNES.

Love is the life of God, and he who has spiritual life liveth not
Unto himself, but liveth unto God.—*Dr. Wm. E. Munsey.*



Rev. John Gilliam Haynes was born in Crittenden County, Kentucky, on a farm one and one half miles West of Marion, the county seat. His father, M. B. Haynes, and mother, Anna H. Haynes, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in Kentucky in 1881, when a boy, under the ministry of Rev. J. D. Crenshaw, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Marion, Kentucky. He went to the altar of prayer with a deep sense of guilt and sin, and after much prayer he felt his sins forgiven, and that he had passed from death unto life. He has always relied upon the Bible as the Word of God, and as such, takes it as a message to himself, and under this influence has grown in grace and in the knowledge of the things of God. He was licensed to preach, December 21st, 1892, by the Princeton District Conference; Rev. S. K. Breeding, preacher in charge, and Rev. B. F. Orr, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Illinois Annual Conference by the Murphysboro Quarterly Conference, October 2nd, 1894, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial, October 5th, 1894; Dr. C. C. Mayhew, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Owensboro, Kentucky, September 30th, 1894; ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granbery, at Waverly, Illinois, September 11th, 1898. Brother Haynes has filled the following appointments DuQuoin, Illinois, 1894, one year; Murphysboro, Illinois, 1895-1897; Mt. Zion Station, 1897-1900; transferred to Southwest Missouri Conference in 1900; Niangua, Missouri, 1900-1902; Springfield, Missouri, Dale Street Church, 1902-1906; his present work is at Arch Street, Nevada, Missouri. About four hundred and seventy persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. Five churches have been modeled, and a $1,200 parsonage built at Springfield, Missouri, under his pastorates. His education was obtained at the High School in Marion, Kentucky, and at College at Madisonville, Kentucky. He was married to Miss Rosa E. Clark, May 8th, 1892, and they have two children, Ruth H. Haynes and Robert C. Haynes. Brother Haynes is one of the efficient members of the Southwest Missouri Conference, and is doing a good work at Nevada.



REV. ISAAC ARTHUR SMITH, B.S.

A Christian truth in the heart brings forth Christian acts in The life, as naturally as the root pushes its stalk up into the Air and the sun.—*Dr. Josiah Strong.*

Rev. Isaac Arthur Smith was born at Charity, Missouri, in 1881. He is a son of W. E. Smith and Laura Smith, both members of the Baptist Church. He was converted in 1890, and joined the Baptist church, to which his parents belonged, but joined the Methodist Church at Morrisville, Missouri, in 1899. He was only a child when converted, but realized that he needed salvation and sought it with all his heart and found peace in Christ. God has graciously led him into a more perfect knowledge of Him, a stronger love for Him and a greater desire to love and serve Him. He is striving to be made perfect in love. He was licensed to preach in May, 1903, by the Springfield District Conference; Rev. L. L. Johnson was his pastor, and Rev. W. H. Winton, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the same District Conference in May, 1904; received into the Southwest Missouri Conference on trial in 1904; Rev. W. H. Winton, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Joseph S. Key at Joplin, Missouri, in September, 1906. Appointments served, Buffalo Circuit, 1904-1905; Sprague Circuit, 1905-1907, where he is now serving his second year. Thirty-eight persons have been received into the Church under his ministry. He received his education at Morrisville College, taking the degree of B.S. in 1903. He was married to Miss Myrtle Christian June 17th, 1903, and they have two children, Mildred Christian Smith and Edward Allen Smith.



REV. BYRON A. McKNIGHT.

God is girding every man for a place and a calling, in which he May be as consciously exalted as if he held the rule of a Kingdom.—*Dr. Bushnell.*

Rev. Byron A. McKnight, youngest son of Milton J. McKnight and Caroline McKnight, was born on his father's farm in Osage County, Missouri, October 18th, 1874. He labored on the farm during the spring and summer months and attended the public school during the winters. In his eighteenth year he attended the Linn High School, and the following autumn began teaching, continuing for five years, giving entire satisfaction as a teacher. In July, 1898, he was converted at Mint Hill Church, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Linn, Missouri, while Rev. W. H. Suddath was pastor. He felt the call of God to the work of the ministry and at once entered Central College, Fayette, Missouri, remaining there until June, 1900, having been licensed to preach at the session of the Boonville District Conference, which convened at California, Missouri, in May, 1899. In September, 1900, he was married to Miss Viola Lee Suddath, the third daughter of Rev. W. H. Suddath, and was sent by Bishop Granbery to assist Rev. M. Larkin on the Russellville Circuit, which position he held for two years, having been admitted on trial into the Southwest Missouri Conference in September, 1901. He next served the Glenstead Circuit, two years; Passaic Circuit, two years; and in the autumn of 1906 he was appointed to Montrose charge as successor to Rev. A. Patison. He has been successful as a minister and many have been won to a righteous life by his efforts as a servant of God. Brother McKnight is one of our choice men, and we bid him God-speed in his work.

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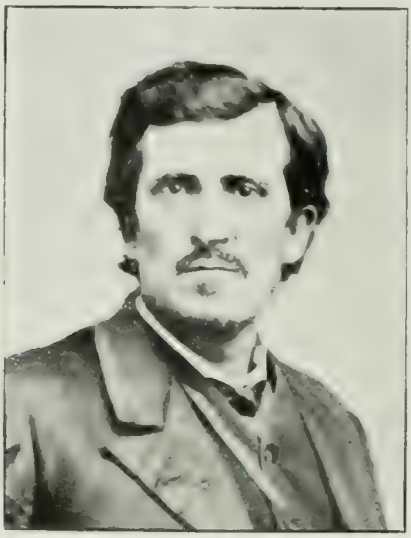
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REV. WILLIAM CAMPBELL HILL, A.M.

Our sight is determined by our spiritual insight.

—Bishop Galloway.

Rev. William Campbell Hill was born August 28th, 1867, near Mount Vernon, Missouri, and was converted January 11th, 1885, at Shiloh church, in the Lawrenceburg Circuit, Lawrence County, Missouri, in a meeting conducted by Rev. James McGehee and Rev. J. A. Matthews. He was baptized and received into the Church by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Matthews, on the 11th day of February, after his conversion. He was first religiously impressed when only seven years old, under the personal instruction of "Uncle Jimmie" McGehee. He then alone and undirected sought and found the Lord, but his parents not being Christians at that time, he gradually lost the sense of God's presence, and spent some years with practically no thought of God before his mind. But his covenant with God was renewed, and from that time to the present, his purpose to serve God has never wavered. His religious life has not been marked by any strange or novel experience, but has rather been a steady growth in the knowledge of Christ and the things that are divine. He was licensed to preach on the 19th of December, 1885, by the Quarterly Conference of Lawrenceburg Circuit, Southwest Missouri Conference; Rev. J. A. Matthews still being his pastor, and Rev. J. B. Ellis, Presiding Elder. For five years thereafter Brother Hill was a student in Morrisville College, from which institution he received successively the degrees of A.B. and A.M. By the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Morrisville Station, for the year 1891, he was recommended for admission into the Annual Conference, and on the 16th day of September of that same year, at Sedalia, Missouri, he was received on trial into the Southwest Missouri Conference; Bishop R. K. Hargrove, presiding, and Rev. J. N. Huggins being his Presiding Elder; ordained Deacon at Marshall, Missouri, October 6th, 1889, by Bishop Granbery; and ordained Elder, September 22nd, 1895, at Webb City, Missouri, by Bishop Duncan. Brother Hill's ministry has been blessed with many conversions, and he has never left a charge without having accessions on profession of faith. Our Austin Chapel at Nevada, and the substantial and commodious parsonage at Joplin, were built during his pastorates at those places. On June 27th, 1894, he was married to Miss Frances Palmore Brown. Their married life has been a very pleasant and happy one. The following are the appointments Brother Hill has served: Richland and Dixon; Nevada City, Missouri; Washington Street, Kansas City; Warrensburg; Neosho; President of Scarritt College, Neosho, Missouri; Joplin, Belton and Martin City, and Presiding Elder of Carthage District.



REV. JAMES MADISON PROCTOR.

Death wounds to cure; we fall, we rise, we reign;
Spring from our fetters, fasten in the skies.—*Young.*

Rev. James Madison Proctor was born in Jessamine County, Kentucky, January 8th, 1823, and died in Buffalo, Missouri, September 18th, 1902. Between the above dates was lived a noble, useful, helpful life of seventy-nine years, eight months and ten days. While in his eighteenth year he was converted at a Methodist camp meeting revival held at Mobley's camp ground in Graves County, Kentucky, and joined the Church under the ministry of Rev. James Young. In 1842, in Hickman County, Kentucky, Rev. J. S. Williams gave him license to exhort, and in the following year, in the same county, the Quarterly Conference, under the presidency of Rev. Thomas Smith, gave him license to preach. Rev. James Young, who received him into the Church, being his pastor. Some time after this he came to Missouri and made his home in Farmington, serving the Church as a local preacher until 1846, when he joined the St. Louis Conference at its first session, which was held in Boonville. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrew in St. Louis, in 1848; ordained Elder by Bishop Bascom at Independence, in 1850. He was married in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, to Miss Sallie Naomi Statler, October 9th, 1850. To them were born two daughters and five sons. Of these the two eldest, Josephine and Jesse, died a good many years ago. The other five, Emma, Walter, Robert, Brown and William, with their mother, are still living. He served the following charges one year each: Black River, Crooked Creek, New Madrid, Benton, Versailles, Carthage, Hillsborough, Montevallo, Harmony Grove, Golden City, Cross Timbers, and Cape Girardeau District. The following two years each: Richwoods, Neosho, Caledonia, Deepwater, Sarcoxie, Buffalo. The following three years each: Perryville, Jackson, Osceola and Harrisonville. He served thirty-six years on the effective list, twenty years on the superannuated list, and in the local ranks three, and as an exhorter, making his ministry span sixty years. The above list of appointments shows that sixteen years of his effective work were given to territory now in the bounds of the St. Louis Conference and twenty in the Southwest Missouri Conference. Like Barnabas, he was a pioneer preacher. He was not only "a pathfinder," but he was a path-maker. He threaded his way through canebreaks and lagoons and found the cabins of the poor in the swamps, and in their sickness ministered to them the consolation of the Gospel. His first charge, Black River Mission, embraced half of the territory now in the Poplar Bluff District. He was a good, sensible, instructive preacher and had superior social qualities, hence he excelled as a pastor. By his personal magnetism he drew people and fastened them to him as with hooks of steel. He gave himself exclusively to his high calling. Was a man of one work, which he prosecuted most diligently. He did all the work of a Methodist preacher and did it well.

REV. JOHN F. ROBB.

All the harpers that praise God in eternity will gather
Inspiration in their worship from the Cross—*Bishop Marvin.*

By REV. R. E. DICKENSON.



Rev. John F. Robb, son of John and Eliza Robb, was born in Pontotoc, Mississippi, April 7th, 1838. His father was a large slave holder, owning a large plantation in Mississippi. His mother was a noble woman of the true Southern type. The father dying in 1847, and the mother in 1848, the son then went to live with an uncle in Indiana. Remaining here one year, he next moved to Illinois. He was married to Mary E. Dove, June 17th, 1858. To this union were born ten children, five of whom died in infancy, one after marriage, and two sons and two daughters, together with the mother, still survive. The surviving children are Frank M. Robb, Mrs. Josie Chrisman, Chris. L. Robb and Mrs. G. P. Alton.

In 1859 Brother Robb joined the Methodist Episcopal Church on probation, and in March, 1860, while working in the field, harrowing in oats, he was soundly converted, and was soon afterwards received into full connection in the Church. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in November, 1870, and one year later was licensed to preach, and joined the Illinois Conference, September, 1872. His appointments were as follows: Xenia Circuit, one year; Rome, two years, and Presiding Elder of Salem District, three years. At the Conference of 1881 he was located at his own request on account of failing health. That same autumn he moved to Missouri, and at the Conference of September, 1882, was readmitted to the Southwest Missouri Conference, where he continued an honored and esteemed member till his death. He served the following appointments: Clinton, three years; Montrose Circuit, two years; Sedalia Circuit, three years; Sprague Circuit, two years; Sheldon Circuit, one year; Butler, three years; Morrisville, three years, and Pierce City, four years. The last four months he was on the superannuated list, and then after an earnest consecrated life he laid his armor down.

Writing to a friend during his last days, he said: "If I don't see you again give greeting to the Conference, and tell the brethren they 'will know where to find me.' Adieu! I will meet you in the city."

As a college preacher he touched scores of young lives, and by his earnest sermons was instrumental in creating and inspiring noble resolves.

On the afternoon of January 17th, 1903, he said farewell and went home. When asked whom he would see first on the other side, he replied: "First I will see Jesus, then our blessed mother, and next our children who have gone on before." His body was laid to rest at Pierce City, the place of his last devoted labors.

The many converts, and the hundreds who have been helped by his consecrated ministry, will revere his memory and proclaim his influence and helpfulness blessed!

REV. WILLIAM HARRISON CRUM.

Man is to sow the seed of Divine Truth, and reap a harvest of Christian Character.—*Bishop Atkins.*



Rev. William Harrison Crum, third son of P. R. and Mary A. Crum, was born on a farm near Thurman, Fremont County, Iowa, January 25th, 1872.

When he was two years old the family moved to Missouri and settled near California, but later his parents, desiring better educational advantages for their family, moved to another farm near Clarksburg, the seat of Clarksburg College. Here he grew to manhood.

At an evening service, August 10th, 1886, while praying in his pew, after a long period of conviction, he was converted. Two years later he united with the Cumberland Presbyterian church, that being the church to which his parents belonged since young manhood and womanhood. He was received into the Church and baptized by the pastor, Rev. James W. Robertson.

His education was acquired at Clarksburg College, under the presidency of Prof. L. R. Wilfley. He was studious and patient and learned very fast. While still in the teens he entered the profession of teacher in the schools of the county, and for four years was a success in this work.

Becoming dissatisfied with the doctrines and polity of Presbyterianism, he became, in May, 1893, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Jamestown, Missouri, then a part of Prairie Home Circuit, Boonville District. He was recommended by this class for license to preach, and at Point Church, on the same circuit was, by the Quarterly Conference, given license to preach; Rev. Clinton Clenny, Presiding Elder, and Rev. B. H. Steele, preacher in charge.

At the session of Annual Conference held at Boonville, Bishop Atticus G. Haygood presiding, he was received on trial, September 22nd, 1893.

His first charge was Urbana Circuit, consisting of seven appointments. Many revivals marked this year's work. The following year he was sent to Lebanon Station, and recorded another very prosperous year, but threatened with failing health, he requested a change. For several appointments he moved each year. This was according to his will in the matter, he enjoying the change.

He was ordained Deacon at Webb City, Missouri, September 22nd, 1895, by Bishop William W. Duncan; ordained Elder at Slater, Missouri, by Bishop Oscar P. Fitzgerald, September 26th, 1897.

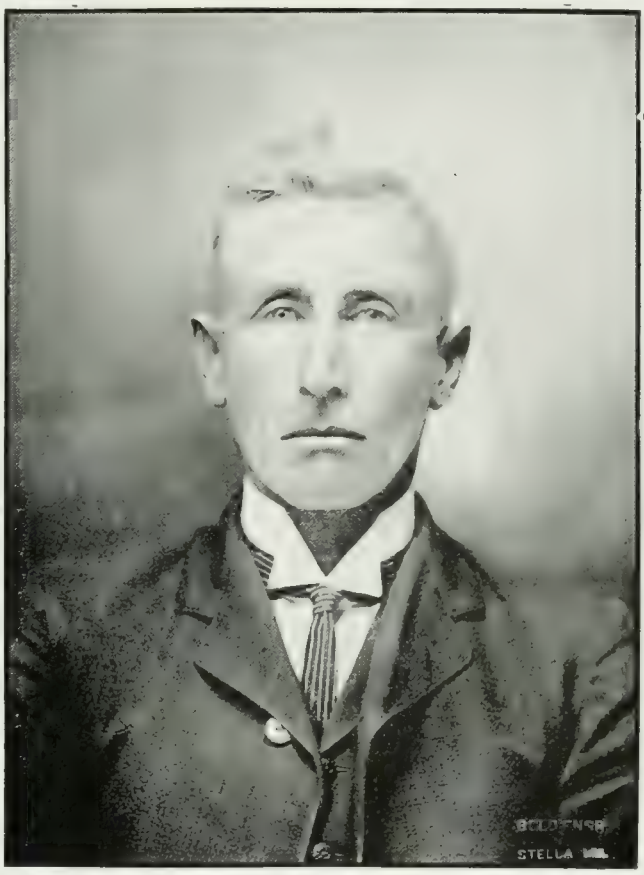
March 4th, 1896, he was married to Miss Annie E. Gordon, youngest daughter of Mr. James A. and Mrs. Mary A. Gordon. Two children bless the home—Helen Ruth and Mary Katharine.

His last work in the Southwest Missouri Conference was Webb City Station, one of the most important and desirable appointments in the Conference. His work has everywhere been marked by vigor of administration and helpful ministry. He had little tolerance of extreme conservatism and always insisted upon forward movements. In the later years of his work he never failed to bring up a surplus on the claims of the church.

In 1906 he was transferred to the Texas Conference and stationed at Tabernacle Church, Houston, one of the most important and promising churches in that great state.

REV. JOSIAH EDGAR OWEN.

If only the golden pipes are kept free and unclogged, there will Be an uninterrupted flow of the golden oil to feed the flame of a Holy life.—*Dr. F. B. Meyer.*



Rev. Josiah Edgar Owen was born at Shawnee, Kansas, April 14th, 1866, but was taken by his parents to Caldwell County, Missouri, when an infant, and there grew to manhood. He is a son of Sanford Owen and Elizabeth Owen, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted and joined the church, December 25th, 1885, under the ministry of Rev. John H. Hubbard, in the old church at Black Oak, Caldwell County, Missouri. A revival meeting conducted by Rev. John H. Hubbard with the Northern Methodists was in progress, and Brother Owen was very deeply affected by a sermon preached on Christmas day. The altar was filled with penitents, and when an old man came down the aisle and spoke to him, he went forward to the altar, and was converted. During all the years since his conversion he has been steadily growing in grace and in the knowledge of the truth, and at this time it is his chief desire to honor God with his service. He was licensed to preach in June, 1890, by the Quarterly Conference of Braymer Circuit at McBee Chapel; Dr. W. C. Baird was the preacher in charge, and Rev. J. F. Shores was the Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of Labette Circuit, Council Grove District, Western Conference, July 23rd, 1892. He was received on trial into the Western Conference, August 31st, 1892, at Council Grove, Kansas; Rev. J. W. Faubian was Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix at Arkansas City, Kansas, August 24th, 1894; ordained Elder by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, August 28th, 1897, at Council Grove, Kansas. Brother Owen has served the following appointments: Labette Circuit, 1891-1892; Wyandotte Circuit, 1892-1893; Wellington Circuit, 1893-1895; Winfield Circuit, 1895-1896; Atlanta Circuit, 1896-1897; Elk City Circuit, 1897-1899; Augusta Circuit, 1899-1901; Bucyrus and Stillwell, four years; and in the fall of 1905, he was transferred to Fairmount Circuit, where he remained one year, and in September, 1906, the Western Conference having been absorbed by the Southwest Missouri Conference, he was sent to Newtonia Circuit, in the Southwest Missouri Conference, which appointment he now holds. About three hundred and fifty persons have been received into the church under his ministry. The church at Bucyrus, Kansas, and the parsonage at Corbin, Kansas, were built under his pastorate. His education was obtained at the public schools, with a short term at Central College. He was married to Miss Ida Gertrude Collins, October 29th, 1893, and their children are: Russell Hendrix Owen, Paul Collins Owen, Robert Lee Owen, Ruth Owen, Helen Louise Owen, John Sanford Owen and Mary Elizabeth Owen.



OUR JOPLIN CHURCH.

In 1835, Rev. H. G. Joplin, a member of the Missouri Conference of the Methodist Church, settled on the creek which now bears his name and there he lived for twelve years. During these years, services were conductd by him in the vicinity of what is now Joplin. After the war a church was built in what is now East Joplin, which was used for several years. Later the building was partly wrecked by a storm, and shortly afterwards was sold to the Baptists, who moved it to the country. The congregation next secured a lot on West Fourth street, where the African Methodist Church now stands, and erected a building which was used for several years. At this time (1880-1882) Joplin and Webb City were served by the same pastor. In 1882, the church being heavily encumbered with debt, was sold, and services were only held at intervals thereafter until September 21st, 1891, when Rev. R. F. Campbell was assigned to Joplin. Brother Campbell effected a re-organization of our church, and during his two years' pastorate built the frame building at Seventh street and Moffet avenue. The sympathy and generosity of Mrs. Clara C. Baker very materially assisted in the re-establishment of the society. She bought and gave the church the present site. Brother Campbell was succeeded in 1893 by Rev. P. T. Cobb, who served the church one year, and during his pastorate there was a net gain of thirty-one in membership. He was succeeded in turn by Rev. A. N. James, Rev. Perry Long, Rev W. C. Hill, Rev. W. P. Buckner and Brother Buckner was succeeded in 1906, by Rev. F. M. Burton, who began his pastorate under very favorable auspices, and has already won the hearts of the people. The church is being thoroughly organized in all departments, and recently there have been a number of additions. The congregations are steadily increasing. The influence of this society is becoming more and more a factor in advancing the Master's kingdom in this city, and is destined to take rank as one of the leading churches of the Southwest Missouri Conference. This sketch would not be complete without mentioning those staunch Methodists, Mr. Lee Taylor and wife, who through all the vicissitudes of the church, have been its unfailing friends; beginning with the erection of the first church in East town to the present time, they have been constant in their loyalty. They have been the faithful friends of the pastors who have served this church. They are the only persons now living who have been associated with this church from the beginning, and none have been more interested and devoted than they. This church cannot honor itself more than by worthily perpetuating their names and memory.



REV. CHARLES FRANKLIN, B.D.

Jesus alone founded his empire upon love, and to this day millions
Would die for Him.—*Napoleon.*

Rev. Charles Franklin was born in Dresden, Pettis County, Missouri, October 14th, 1868. His father and mother, Thomas Calvin Franklin and Sarah Etta Franklin, were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at the age of sixteen, under the ministry of Rev. W. T. Eastwood, at Houstonia, Missouri. He was converted after ten days of deep conviction. His conversion took place at his own home one dreary Monday evening. He had prayed to be converted on that evening, but expected to be at the altar of the church. From that time to the present he has never wavered in his loyalty to Him who is The Truth. "The Truth shall make you free," is his text, and to seek and find it is the passion of his life. The truth has been constantly unfolding to his mind, and the things of God are becoming clearer with each new day. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Herndon Circuit, August 17th, 1889; Rev. A. L. Houston, pastor, and Rev. T. M. Cobb, Presiding Elder. He was recommended for admission into the Annual Conference by the Lexington District Conference in the spring of 1895, and the following fall he was received into the Southwest Missouri Conference on trial; at this same Conference he was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan; ordained Elder by Bishop Candler, September 29th, 1901, at Marshall, Missouri. His appointments have been as follows: Wellington Circuit, three years; Vanderbilt University, three years; Troost Avenue Church, Kansas City, three years; Neosho, two years. He graduated from Central College, Fayette, Missouri, in 1894, taking the A.B. degree, and the next year he received the degree of Master of Arts. In the spring of 1901, he graduated from the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He is now preparing to do post graduate work at Yale next year. He was married to Miss Irene Cloyd, January 7th, 1896, who has been not only a sharer of his labors, but also of his studies, reading with him the best books that the thought of the world is producing.



REV. JESSE FRANKLIN PIKE.

Faith is the trustful commitment of one's self to God.
—*Dr. Gross Alexander.*

Jesse Franklin Pike was born in Patrick County, Virginia, January 14th, 1849. He is a son of Joseph Pike and Sallie Pike, who were members of the Missionary Baptist church. He was converted in 1862, under the preaching of Rev. John G. Bailey, of the Virginia Conference, and was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the month of August, 1866, by the Rev. D. F. Hodges, pastor. From the beginning of his Christian career, his growth in grace has been shown by his fidelity to duty. When but a boy, he would lead family worship in his father's home; he attended every religious meeting in the neighborhood, and would walk four miles to Sunday School, and was constantly a student of the Bible, committing hundreds of verses to memory. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Columbia Circuit, Louisville Conference, November 2nd, 1872; Rev. W. T. Davenport, pastor, and Rev. R. C. Alexander, Presiding Elder; was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by this same Quarterly Conference in 1876. In October of that year he was received into the Louisville Annual Conference, which was presided over by Bishop Wightman; ordained Deacon by Bishop George F. Pierce in October, 1878, at Cadiz, Kentucky; ordained Elder in October, 1880, at Glasgow, Kentucky, by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh. In the Louisville Conference, he served on the Cumberland Circuit, two years. Edmonton Circuit, one year; Mount Holly Mission, three years; and Asbury Chapel in Louisville, one year; in 1873, he was transferred to the White River Conference, where he served at West Point, El Paso, Jacksonville, and Union and Revel's Circuits; in 1888, he was transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference, in which he has since remained, and has served as follows: Pink Hill Circuit, one year; Everett Circuit, three years; Papinsville Circuit, one year; Eldorado Springs Station, two years; Richland and Dixon, one year; Niangua Circuit, two years; Mountain Grove Station, two years; Nevada Circuit, two years; Appleton City, one year; Jasper Circuit, one year; Seneca and Racine, one year; in 1895, was appointed to Casville Circuit. A parsonage was bought during his pastorate on the Mt. Holly charge in the Louisville Conference; two churches were built in the White River Conference; and in the Southwest Missouri Conference, he has been very successful in church building enterprises at Papinsville and Archie, and he built parsonages at Eldorado Springs and at Seneca. Brother Pike is one of our most faithful men and we trust that he will be spared for many more years of usefulness.



REV. CHARLES NICHOLAS SCRIVENER.

A new Love enters, God enters, and Eternal Life begins.
—*Dr. Bushnell.*

Rev. Charles Nicholas Scrivener was born near Lincoln, Benton County, Missouri, on the 29th day of October, 1865. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. W. K. White, at Wheatland, Missouri, in 1881. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of St. Paul's Church, Springfield, Missouri, September 11th, 1888, Rev. L. W. Pearce, Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. W. Lowrence, pastor in charge. He was received on trial into the Southwest Missouri Conference at Sedalia in 1891, Bishop Hargrove presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway at Independence in 1892; received into full connection by Bishop Haygood at Boonville, Missouri, in 1893; and in 1895, was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Webb City, Missouri. He was educated at Drury College, Springfield, Missouri, and at Vanderbilt University, where he gained distinction as a student of the Greek language. He was married to Miss Sue Elizabeth Guthrie at St. Paul's Church, Springfield, on the morning of May 24th, 1894, by the Rev. R. S. Hunter. His pastorates have been as follows, and in the order named: Ash Grove, Marshfield, Lamar, Campbell Street Church, Springfield, Neosho, Higginsville, Carthage, and Monett. The churches at Ash Grove and Higginsville, and the parsonage at Neosho were built during his pastorates at those places, and the church at Neosho was dedicated while he was there. Brother Scrivener is one of the active, energetic men of the Southwest Missouri Conference. His work shows that he has been no idler in the Master's vineyard. A mighty Methodism is coming to the front in Southwest Missouri, and Brother Scrivener is thoroughly identified with it.

REV. ORION EMORY VIVION.

The Voice of the Universe cries in unison with the Voice of Revelation.—*Bishop Candler.*

Rev. Orion Emory Vivion was born the 10th day of May, 1870, in Vernon County, Missouri, near the little village of Brounaugh. His mother is a daughter of the Rev. John Monroe, of sacred memory, and she is a woman of sterling, Christian character, who has reared all of her children in the faith. It was largely through her influence that Brother Vivion was converted at Mound Chapel in 1881. Rev. J. A. Swift was the pastor and received him into the church. At the age of seventeen Brother Vivion felt the call to go into the ministry, but resisted until he was twenty-three years old. During these years he did not enjoy his religious life, until at last he surrendered to God's call and was graciously blessed. He received his education at Morrisville College. He was licensed to preach February 12th, 1894, by the Morrisville Quarterly Conference; Rev. J. L. Hagler, preacher in charge; was recommended for admission into the Annual Conference by the Springfield District Conference held at Greenfield, Missouri, in May, 1895; Rev. J. W. Ezell, Presiding Elder. The following fall he was received on trial into the Southwest Missouri Annual Conference, held at Webb City, Missouri; Bishop Duncan, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Fitzgerald at the Conference held at Slater, Missouri, in 1897; ordained Elder by Bishop Granbery at Neosho, Missouri, in 1899. He has held successful pastorates at Southwest City, Sarcoxie, Newtonia, Spruce, Lee's Summit and Warrensburg, and is now possibly in the most successful work of his life at Carterville in the very heart of the great mining district of Southwest Missouri. He is blessed with a strong, vigorous constitution, an abundance of adipose tissue, a trained mind, studious habits, and an inquiring disposition that finds out things. He is a reader of good books, is deeply interested in all lines of church and philanthropic work, and is a forceful preacher, holding his audiences by the power of his thought. On August 30th, 1891, he was married to Miss Nancy Belle Moore, and they are now the parents of three fine boys—Orus Holmes Vivion, Joseph King Vivion and James Monroe Vivion. The church at Reeds, Missouri, and the parsonage at Sarcoxie were bought, and the church at Southwest City, and parsonage at Lee's Summit were built during Brother Vivion's pastorates at those places.



REV. WILLIAM R. LITSINGER.

They wake transfigured, at their Master's call.

—*Dr. Bushnell.*

Rev. William R. Litsinger was born near Baltimore, Maryland, October 13th, 1815. He was converted August 10th, 1835, and appointed a class leader in 1836. He became Sunday School Superintendent in 1838, and was licensed to exhort in 1839. The same year he emigrated to Ohio, where he was licensed to preach and joined the Ohio Conference in 1842. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Soule in 1843, and made an Elder by Bishop Morris in 1844. He located in 1855. The same year he came to Missouri and located in Cole County, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In the winter of 1859-1860, he moved to Versailles, Missouri, and was a citizen and preacher in that place during the civil war. That period brought to him many trying and thrilling experiences. He preached whenever opportunity was offered, often making the opportunity, and was fearless in his support of the Southern cause, and often bringing the displeasure of the authorities upon him. He was arrested and prosecuted for his zealous support of what he felt to be right; the prosecution only intensified his zeal. In 1879-1880, he supplied Belton and Wellington Circuits in the Southwest Missouri Conference. For several years he was colporter for the American Bible Society, and did a great work in carrying the Bible into the neglected homes of Southwest Missouri. He was a constant student of the Bible, and a good preacher; he loved to preach. He was a Christian gentleman. After passing his eighty-sixth year he was quite feeble in body and grew anxious, almost impatient to go "home." November 2nd, 1903, the Master called him to "come." His life was filled with labors of love, and his death was triumphant. Those who knew him best loved him most.



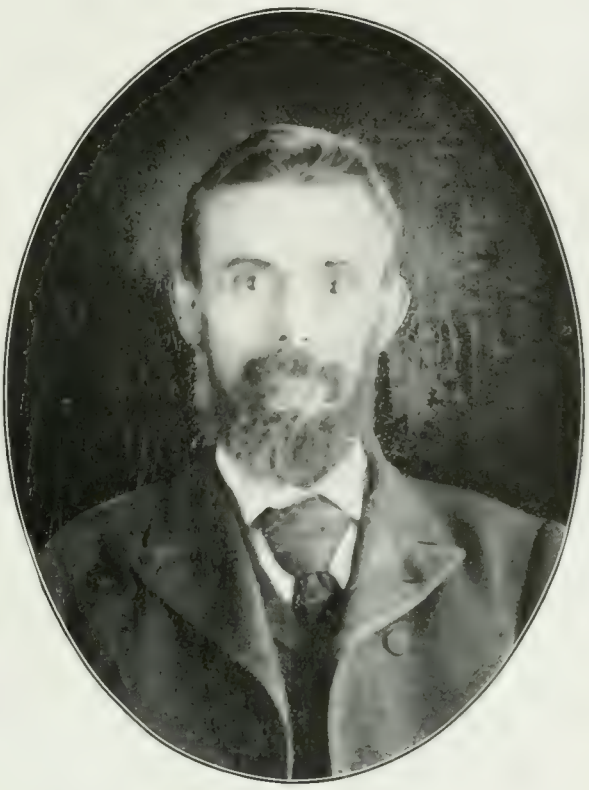
REV. GEORGE H. GREEN.

The supreme test of life is the way in which each difficulty and Trial is met. —*Dr. O. E. Brown.*

Rev. George H. Green was born in Pope County, Illinois, January 16th, 1856. He is a son of Amos E. Green and Ruth L. Green, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted at Milford under the ministry of Dr. W. H. Morehead, December 23rd, 1884. Under the strong appeals of Dr. Morehead and the influence of his friends, he asked help from the church, went to the altar and was converted. He has ever found help at the mercy seat, has believed in and sought for a deeper work of grace in his own heart, and his love for his fellow man has thereby increased. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Kenoma Circuit, February 16th, 1889; Rev. Joseph King, Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. G. L. Mitchell, pastor in charge; the same quarterly conference recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, August 10th, 1890, and he was received on trial in September, 1890; Rev. Joseph King, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Key, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, September 23rd, 1896, at Jefferson City, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Galloway, September 20th, 1896, at Nevada, Missouri. He has served the following appointments: Rosco Mission, first year; Plato Circuit, two years; Lebanon Circuit, one year; Glensted Circuit, one year; Chilhowee Circuit, two years; Jerico Circuit, two years; South Greenfield Circuit, three years; Red Oak Circuit, one year; Southwest City Circuit, two years; Seneca and Racine is his present charge. During these sixteen years he has received two hundred and thirty-five persons into the church. The following churches were built under his pastorate: The church at Chilowee; one at Jerico, and one at South Greenfield; and planned the church on the Red Oak charge. His education was received at the public schools. He was married to Miss Elma Wood, April 17th, 1892, and they have the following children: Nettie Green, Vera Green, Walter Green, Martin Green and Myrtle Green. While Brother Green was living at Jerico his church was destroyed by a cyclone. Many people were hurt, and when he was taken from the wreck, his friends pronounced him fatally injured. In the good providence of God, his life was spared, and he rejoices today in the service of the Master.

REV. JAMES FOLK CALDWELL.

Sublimity of character must come from sublimity of Purpose.
—*Bishop Candler.*



Rev. James Polk Caldwell was born April 24th, 1850, in Washington County, Arkansas, and moved with his parents to Parker County, Texas, where they remained for ten years, and, after moving several times back to Arkansas and then to Texas again, they finally moved to Missouri in 1890. He is a son of the Rev. Francis Marion Caldwell and Phebe Caldwell. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His father planted Methodism in Northwest Texas, serving a large Mission in that section of the State in 1858, surrounded with danger from hostile Indians. Rev. James Polk Caldwell was converted September 12th, 1867, in Gonzales County, Texas, under the ministry of Rev. H. A. Graves, and united with the Methodist-Episcopal Church, South, at the same time. His conviction of sin was deep and pungent, and the change wrought was clear, thorough and satisfactory; the struggle was severe, and the victory decisive; divine love filled the soul, and peace flowed like a river. For several months, through the instructions of a wise father, growth in grace was perceptible, and then a decline, but by the study of the Bible for spiritual and mental quickening, a deeper knowledge of God's plan for human salvation was attained, and an intense desire for doing good was secured. The nearer the end of the way, the stronger grows his faith, hope and love. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Hindsville Circuit, Arkansas Conference, July 20th, 1872; Rev. W. H. Corley, preacher in charge, and Rev. Thomas Wainwright, Presiding Elder. He was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Perryville Circuit for admission into the Arkansas Conference, in August, 1875, and was received into the Arkansas Conference on trial in November, 1875; Rev. C. H. Gregory, Presiding Elder, and Bishop W. M. Wightman, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, October 21st, 1877, at Fayetteville, Arkansas; ordained Elder by Bishop George F. Pierce, October 23rd, 1881, at Dardanelle, Arkansas. He has filled the following appointments: In Arkansas Conference, White River Circuit; Illinois Mission; Cincinnati Circuit; Perryville Circuit; Bluffton Circuit; Mountain Home Circuit; Ozark Circuit; Mountain Burgh Circuit; Lead Hill Circuit; Kingston Circuit; Texas Conference, Rossee Circuit; Bolivar Circuit. Arkansas Conference, Big Flat Circuit; Eureka Springs Station. In Southwest Missouri Conference: Humansville Circuit; Eldorado Springs Station; Papinsville Circuit, and Chilhowee Circuit. Brother Caldwell was superannuated in 1895, on account of ill health, and has continued so up to the present time. There have been many conversions and accessions to the church under his ministry. Under his pastorate one church on the White River Circuit was built, and many others finished, furnished and repaired. He received his education at the common schools and High School. He has been a life-long student of some branches of science, law, theology and history. While a young man, he took a course in law under an eminent practitioner at the bar. He was married to Miss Barthenia V. McGhee, July 9th, 1890.

REV. SAMUEL GRANT KEYS.

Culture is the blossom of knowledge.
—*Charles Dudley Warner.*

Rev. Samuel Grant Keys, son of Dr. John Keys and Mary G. Keys, was born September 16th, 1867, in Bristol, Virginia. His parents were members of the Presbyterian church. He was converted in 1883, under the ministry of Rev. W. W. Hicks, and joined the church at that time. From earliest childhood, he had been taught to believe and trust Christ as his personal Savior, and his conversion was the natural outcome of this early Christian training and influence. In early manhood he fell into sin, did not continue steadfast in his religion, but was rescued in 1894. In 1895 he took work in Oklahoma in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was then cut off from all association with other ministers, and was called on to minister to a people, many of whom were sick in body, and discouraged in spirit. There was no one but his Master to whom he could turn for sympathy and help, but He was ever ready to hear and help him, and he was permitted to drink deep from the fountain of living water. He was licensed to preach in 1895; was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Kansas City District Conference in May, 1899; received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1899; Rev. C. H. Briggs, D. D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop John C. Granbery, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop C. C. McCabe; ordained Elder by Bishop Galloway in 1903, at Sedalia, Missouri. Appointments served, three years in Oklahoma; Lone Jack Circuit, one year; Lee's Summit, two years; Harrisonville, four years. About four hundred and sixty persons have been received into the church under his ministry. The church at Lee's Summit was rebuilt under his pastorate. His education was obtained at Hamilton Institute, Virginia, and Knoxville Business College, Knoxville, Tennessee. He was first married to Miss Lutie Vermillion, November 3rd, 1895, who died August 24th, 1900. He afterwards married Miss Nina Ocker, April 16th, 1903, and they have one child, T. Benson Keys. He considers the most important crisis in his life was when he was offered a flattering proposition to leave the ministry and enter a splendid business. It was a temptation, but he did not yield. Some of the books which have greatly helped him, aside from the Bible, are "Life of Christ," "Tongue of Fire," and "Personal Salvation." He believes the Christian College stands for the highest expression of Christian manhood and citizenship.



REV. ALEXANDER B. DAVIDSON.

Oh, that our paths might be like the paths of God, which, when They drop fatness, drop upon the parched pastures of the Wilderness. —*Dr. F. B. Meyer.*

The subject of this sketch was born on a farm in Hickory County, near Wheatland, Missouri, February 13th, 1870. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction. He was gloriously converted to Christ after seven weeks of almost continuous seeking and earnest struggle, not in any public place, but along the street, in his own room, and at his regular work. This took place while he was studying law in Crittenden, McDougal & Stiles Law offices, in Kansas City, Missouri. From early childhood he had intended to be a lawyer, but about a year after conversion, he felt that he must preach the Gospel, and from that day to this, he has been a man of one work and one calling. He was baptized and received into Walnut Street Church, at Kansas City, Missouri, by Rev. S. A. Steel, D. D., December 2nd, 1888. He attended Kansas City High School, Central College, and Garrett Biblical Institute. He joined the Southwest Missouri Conference at Independence, Missouri, and was appointed by Bishop Galloway to Garden City Circuit in September, 1892. The following year, at the Boonville Conference, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Atticus G. Haygood, and was appointed to Lamar Mission. He served this charge two years. The Lord blessed his labors here with two gracious revivals, and many additions to the church. During the last year of his pastorate here, he won the hand of one of Tennessee's fairest daughters, and was married to Miss Jennie F. Woods, at Tullahoma, Tennessee, July 1st, 1895. His next appointment was Rich Hill, Missouri. Here his only child, Cornelia Frances Davidson, was born. God gave him a sweeping revival, and many additions to the church at this place. At Nevada, Missouri, he was ordained Elder by Bishop Galloway, and was appointed to Washington Street Church, Kansas City, Missouri, where he repaired the church at a cost of $2,500.00; was blessed with one gracious revival, and nearly a hundred additions during the year. His next appointment was Butler, Missouri, where he held one great revival and built an elegant two-story parsonage. His next two appointments were Clinton Station, Malta Bend and Grand Pass, one year at the former place, and two years at the latter. At the following Conference, which met at Jefferson City, he was transferred to West Texas Conference by Bishop Wilson. Since then he has served Flatonia Station, two years; Prospect Hill Church, San Antonio, Texas, two years; at present he is stationed at Bastrop, Texas, which is one of the oldest and most historic churches in the State.

REV. DANIEL THOMAS WAINRIGHT.

Between Reason on the one hand, and Impulse on the other,
The Will sits arbiter, and is Supreme. —*Bishop Marvin.*

Rev. Daniel Thomas Wainright was born in Chenango County, New York, April 27th, 1812. In 1822, his parents moved to Clermont County, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He received a common school education. He was converted in 1830, and in 1834, he was licensed to preach and was admitted into the Ohio Conference. He traveled the West Union, White Oak and French Grant Circuits in Ohio, and two years in the Kanawha District in West Virginia. At the Conference in September, 1839, he located and moved to Lewis County. March 1st, 1839, he married Miss Amanda F. Agee near Charlestown, West Virginia. In 1845, he joined the Missouri Conference, and was appointed to the Shelbyville Circuit, and in 1846, the St. Francisville Circuit. On account of failing health, he located again in 1847, and moved to a farm in Lewis County, where he remained until 1878, when he moved to Newtonia, Newton County, Missouri, where he remained until September, 1895, when he died in great peace in the eighty-fourth year of his age. He was a man of strong Christian character, who loved the church and was always true to her institutions. He traveled several years as a supply in North Missouri, and also on the Newtonia Circuit after moving to Southwest Missouri. His wife died, May 9th, 1879. They were the parents of ten children, five boys and five girls, eight of whom are living. One of his sons is Rev. Wm. M. Wainright, and another is Dr. S. H. Wainright, missionary to Japan.

REV. MICHAEL LARKIN.

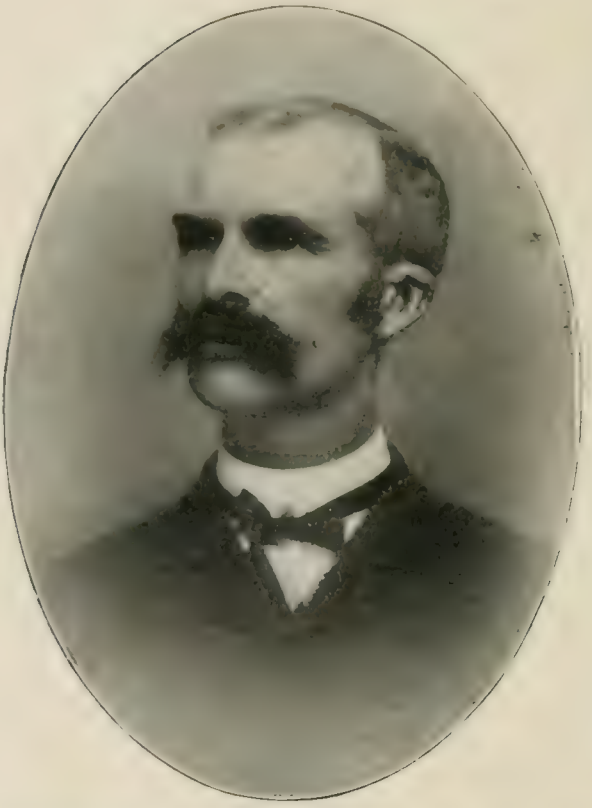
We bless Thee for all noble Thoughts, lofty Aspirations,
Outgoings of soul marked by unselfishness.
—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Rev. Michael Larkin, son of James F. Larkin and Mary J. Larkin, was born November 14th, 1853, near Waverly, Lafayette County, Missouri. His father was a Roman Catholic in faith, and his mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted when twenty-one years of age, under the ministry of Rev. B. M. Margeson, and joined the church at Three Groves. His conversion was so clear and positive that he has never doubted it for a moment. His growth in grace was the result of his taking up the work of the church immediately, and he has never failed to take part in public worship when it has been possible for him to do so. He was licensed to preach in November, 1885, by the Quarterly Conference of the Dover Circuit; Rev. T. M. Cobb, Presiding Elder, and Rev. T. P. Cobb, preacher in charge. The Quarterly Conference of the Pomeroy Circuit, Columbia Conference, recommended him to the Annual Conference in September, 1888; received into the Annual Conference on trial in September, 1888; Rev. E. G. Micheal, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Hargrove, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix at Spokane Falls, Washington, in September, 1889; ordained Elder by Bishop Fitzgerald at Pendleton, Oregon, in September, 1891. He went to the Northwest in 1887, and served one year as a supply on the Pomeroy Circuit; joined the Columbia Conference in 1888, and served same place in 1888-1889; Mountain Home Circuit, 1890; Boise Valley Circuit, 1891-1892; Lagrand Station, 1893; Boise Valley, 1894; Eagle Valley, 1895; Ironside Circuit, 1896; transferred to the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1897, and served the Lebanon Circuit in 1898; Elmwood and Bethel Circuit, 1899; Russellville Circuit, 1900-1901; Jamestown Circuit, 1902; Deepwater Circuit, 1903; Red Oak Circuit, 1904; Pineville Circuit, 1905; Montevallo Circuit, 1906, which is his present work. Some five or six hundred persons have been received into the church under his ministry. Four churches were begun and two completed under his pastorate. His education was received in the common schools and Central College at Fayette, Missouri. He was married September 16th, 1902, to Miss Jessie A. Hunter, and their children are James Marvin Larkin, Thomas Morrison Larkin, who died August 31st, 1906, and Wesley Hunter Larkin. Some of the books which have helped him most, aside from the Bible, have been Wesley's Sermons and Methodist literature.

REV. ALBERT CALATIN MOORE.

He who has God for his strength, will have Him for his song.
—*Dr. Clarke.*



Rev. Albert Galatin Moore, son of James Moore and Ann P. Moore, was born in Cooper County, Missouri, November 24th, 1847. His father was a Presbyterian, and his mother a Methodist. He was converted February 15th, 1871, at Oak Grove, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. William Rader, and joined the church at that time. His conviction was deep and pungent, and his conversion a very happy one. His growth in grace was very marked from the beginning, and very soon after his conversion he conducted the prayer meetings and the class meetings. He was licensed to preach in June, 1872, by the Little Osage Quarterly Conference; Rev. L. P. Siceloff, preacher in charge, and Rev. H. W. Webster, Presiding Elder; recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Ash Grove Quarterly Conference, September 3rd, 1887; received into the Annual Conference on trial October 2nd, 1887; Rev. L. W. Pearce, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop Pierce October 1st, 1881, at Springfield, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Granbery in 1885, at Lexington, Missouri. Appointments served, Ozark Circuit, 1887-1891; Jerico Circuit, 1891-1893; Chilhowie Circuit, 1893-1894; Windsor, 1894-1895; Papinsville, 1895-1896; Deerfield Circuit, 1896-1897; Montevallo Circuit, 1897-1898; Lamar Circuit, 1899; Red Oak, 1900; Granby, 1902; Lawrenceburg, 1903; Nelson, 1904; Russellville, 1905-1906; Diamond, 1907, present charge. Two churches, Pierce Chapel and Granby Church, and two parsonages, one at Ozark, and the other at Russellville, have been built under his pastorate. He obtained his education at the public schools. He was married to Miss Jessie M. Roulsong, February 26th, 1897. He had two children by a former marriage, and their names are Mrs. Grace Bird and Mrs. Minnie Jennison. His first wife was Miss Catherine Hoover. The most important crisis in his life was to surrender all to the service and ministry of Christ. Wesley's and Watson's works have been some of the books, aside from the Bible, that have greatly helped him.



REV. JAMES EGBERT HARNEY.

Life, in intelligent intercourse with the Creator, and realizing
The destiny to which He invites us, is a glorious thing.
—*Bishop Marvin.*

Rev. James Egbert Harney was born in 1844, in Woodburn, Warren County, Kentucky. He is a son of James Egbert Harney, Sr., and Mirah F. Harney. His father was an Old School Presbyterian, and his mother was a member of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1866, near Bowling Green, Kentucky, under the ministry of Rev. William Price, and joined the church at that time. He had been convicted of sin when a boy, but did not make a complete surrender to God until he was twenty-two years of age. He is still growing in grace, and in the knowledge of the things of God; his mind is stayed on God, therefore he has perfect peace. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Bowling Green Circuit, of the Louisville Conference, September 8th, 1877; Rev. George R. Browder, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Plato Circuit, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, in 1890, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1890; Rev. John D. Woods, Presiding Elder, and Bishop Joseph S. Key, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Linus Parker, in October, 1884, at Jefferson City, Missouri; was ordained Elder by Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, September 23rd, 1894, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He has filled the following appointments: Calhoun, one year; Lowry City, two years; Deepwater Circuit, one year; Glensted Circuit, one year; Plato Circuit, three years: Vienna, three years; Lebanon Circuit, one year; Montevallo Circuit, two years; Red Oak Circuit, three years; Lawrenceburg Circuit, two years; Southwest City Circuit, one year; Granby Circuit, one year; Cassville Circuit, two years; Pineville, one year. Several churches and parsonages were built under his pastorates. He received his education at the public schools, but he has studied nearly all of the higher branches of a College, such as Latin, Greek, Philosophy, Astronomy, Geometry, etc. He was married to Miss Clara Green, in 1894. He has one daughter, Mrs. Effie M. Holmes, the daughter of his first wife, Sallie J. Goff, to whom he was married February 15th, 1871.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE

1806 CENTENNIAL APPOINTMENTS—1906.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT, W. P. BUCKNER, P. E.

Springfield-St. Paul.....C. H. Briggs
Springfield-Campbell Street..J. C. Given
Springfield-Dale Street..J. T. Swanson
Elwood Circuit.....R. W. Shemwell
Williard and Ebenezer.....R. N. Allen
Morrisville.....J. L. Sullens
Morrisville Circuit.....Jacob Shook
Fair Grove Circuit.....J. W. Ogdon
Ash Grove and Bois D'Arc.L. L. Pinnell
Ozark Circuit.....C. B. Day
Aldrich Circuit.Supplied by H. M. White
Mountain Grove and Norwood.J. B. Ellis
Marshfield.....W. H. Hargrove
Buffalo Circuit.....
.....Supplied by F. W. Fesperman
Niangua.....J. J. Keller
Lebanon....Supplied by J. H. Pritchett
Stoutland....Supplied by T. W. Barlow
Dixon and Waynesville Circuit....
.....W. O. Troutman
Richland Circuit.....
.....Supplied by G. W. Parker
Lowry City Circuit.....J. J. Hill
Roscoe Circuit.....W. K. White
Cross Timbers Circuit.....
.....Supplied by H. P. Tuck—Sallee
Bolivar and Walnut Grove.....
.....Supplied by C. H. Cleaves
Assistant Editor St. Louis Christian
Advocate.....C. C. Woods
Assistant Editor Nashville Christian
Advocate.....S. M. Godbey
President Morrisville College.....
....A. H. Godbey, Prof. W. T. Hale

REV. WILLIAM PASCHAL BUCKNER.

In the glowing and broadening perspective of the glories that lie Before us, we give but little heed to the steps of the way, and do Not pause to count the milestones of our progress.

—*Bishop Wilson.*



Of the many men who have come into the membership of the Southwest Missouri Conference in recent years, there is none with a more remarkable or more successful career than Rev. W. P. Buckner. He is the son of George W. Buckner and Martha L. Buckner, both of whom were members of the Methodist-Episcopal Church, South. He was born in Polk County, Missouri, on the 15th day of September, 1866, and was converted in the spring of 1878, while cutting sprouts in the field on his father's farm. His conversion was due largely to the influence of his mother. At prayer meeting in the old log school house one night, they sang, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." The next day in the field he heard that song, it came floating to him on the air. He knelt down, prayed and was blessed. That was his conversion. He united with the church at Phoenix, Arizona, in the year 1890. He was licensed to preach in 1892, by the Quarterly Conference of the Morrisville Station; Rev. J. J. Reed, pastor, and Rev. J. N. Huggins, Presiding Elder; was recommended for admission into the Annual Conference by the Ash Grove Quarterly Conference in September, 1893; received into the Southwest Missouri Conference, held at Boonville, in September, 1893, which Conference was presided over by Bishop Atticus G. Haygood; ordained Deacon by Bishop Duncan at Webb City, Missouri, in 1895; ordained Elder by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald at Slater, Missouri, September 26th, 1897. His first appointment was Ash Grove and Phoenix; the next year he was sent to Elwood Circuit; then to Fairgrove Circuit, where he built a neat parsonage, a nice village church, and had many conversions and received a large number of persons into the church; his next appointment was Campbell Street Church, Springfield, where he served three years; then to Joplin, where he closed out his four years' pastorate. His school life consisted of a few terms at the district schools near his boyhood home, and two years in Morrisville College. On September 16th, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Dora Lee Vivion, and they have two beautiful children, Martha Kathryn, and William Paschal, Jr. Brother Buckner is heroically loyal to Methodism and all her interests, doctrines, polity, educational system, literature, and all that makes up the great church to which we belong. He is now presiding Elder of Springfield District.



HICKORY GROVE CHURCH.

By Rev. W. S. Woodard.

Hickory Grove Church is located on Little Sac River, in Polk County, Missouri, near the line separating it from Green County. The class, first called Woodard's Class, was organized in the house of Pitt Woodard, March 27th, 1837, by Rev. Harris G. Joplin. The charter members were: Pitt Woodard, Elizabeth Woodard, T. S. Woodard and S. E. Woodard, Jacob Vann, Margaret Vann and P. W. Vann, Martha McKnight, and Jacob Woodard, Agnes Woodard, Jennie and Cloe. All the family and slaves of Pitt Woodard and Elizabeth Woodard, all came from Woodard's Camp Ground, near Nashville, Tennessee, where most of them were converted. In July following, the class was doubled by the addition of William Winton, Polly Winton, J. D. Winton, G. M. Winton and Clementine Winton, Rev. Elijah Perkins and Betsy Perkins, Rev. Anthony Bewley, Mary Bewley, and Asbury Bewley and Jack and Maria Hill. All the family of W. Winton and P. Winton were from Rapan County, Tennessee. Pitt Woodard, Vann and Clementine Winton (now Cook), are yet living. The religious services were held in the houses of P. Woodard and W. Winton. The first meeting house was erected in 1839, but only used in summer for eight years. It was a hewed log house, floored and seated with sawed lumber, made by hand. The house seen in the picture, a frame building, was built in 1869, and dedicated by Rev. W. M. Prottsman. The Sunday School was organized in May, 1837, of which Jacob Vann was Superintendent, in a vacated settler's cabin, with no door nor floor, save the earth. An opening had been left for a chimney, through which we entered. Five, whose names were enrolled the first day, are yet living. Their names are: P. W. Vann, Dicy Vann, now in California; E. J. Hopkins, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas; W. S. Woodard, of Snyder, Oklahoma, and Monroe McKnight, of Wishart, Missouri. Our ages aggregate four hundred and ten years. J. Vann and P. W. Vann, T. S. Woodard, W. Winton, J. D. Winton and G. M. Winton, Ira Broils and John Cook were some of the early officers of this church. It has produced the following preachers: J. D. Winton, G. M. Winton, J. B. Winton, W. H. Winton, G. B. Winton and William Winton; W. S. Woodard, W. E. Woodard and J. S. Woodard: P. W. Vann, J. S. Vann, W. H. Vann and R. L. Vann; R. P. Faulkner, D. A. McKnight, M. L. McClure, W. C. Montgomery and W. W. Alexander. Of the eighteen, twelve have been, some are yet, itinerant preachers. The blood of Pitt Woodard and William Winton has flowed through the veins of fifteen of them. The blood relations of these two families who have been and are preachers, number about seventy-five. Virginia is distinguished as being the mother of Presidents. Hickory Grove Church is distinguished as the mother of preachers. No other church in Missouri has sent forth so many as she.

REV. GEO. MITCHELL WINTON.

The crowned Conqueror of Death gives his people a Crown of Life. —*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. George Mitchell Winton was born in Roane County, Tennessee, December 25th, 1821, and died at Morrisville (Polk County), Missouri, September 4, 1892. His was a Methodist ancestry, the house of his grandfather, Rev. John Winton, a local preacher, having furnished a home and a preaching place for Bishop Asbury in his toilsome pioneer journeys to the wilds of Tennessee. The Wintons and their kinsfolk and connections, the Mitchells, the Cunnynghams, the Sullins and others, have sent a goodly number of recruits into the ranks of Asbury's "mounted infantry." Converted at the age of ten under the ministry of one of Holston's great preachers, Rev. W. T. Senter, this future itinerant, at once joined the Methodist Church. His father emigrated a little later (1837), to the newly opened Indian lands of Southwest Missouri. There the boy grew up under pioneer conditions, without schooling, a keen woodsman, an expert rifle shot, a bundle of muscles, strong and lithe, but much shaken by that plague of early settlers, malaria. Somewhat slowly and against his judgment he was brought to feel that he must preach. At the age of twenty-five he obtained license. It was given him on the recommendation of the class at Hickory Grove, Polk County, Missouri, in a little log church which he had helped with his own hands to build, August 1, 1846. For four years he traveled as supply on charges adjacent to the little home he had built near his father's. In 1852, he at length and with hesitation, joined the St. Louis Conference and was ordained deacon. Four years later he was ordained elder. Twenty years he was in the St. Louis Conference, and represented it in General Conference of 1866, his work interrupted for a time by the War, during which, though a non-combatant, he came near losing his life more than once; twelve years in the Southwest Missouri Conference, also representing it in the General Conference of 1874, and six years in the Pacific. He served districts and circuits chiefly, and, for the most part, in that rough, new section of the State, where he had begun his ministry. He was pastor at Ukiah, California, four years and at Wheatland and Mountain View, one year each. He had gone to California in 1884, because his health was showing signs of decay. It greatly improved there. He was again robust and active. The picture shown was made during his pastorate at Ukiah. In August, 1890, however, while in apparently good health, he was prostrated by a stroke of paralysis, from which he died two years later. He was a clear and forceful thinker, and, in preaching and singing, had an unusually sweet and effective voice. He was a calm, unemotional man, yet preached with great power in revivals. He was an eminently sensible counselor concerning practical matters, and made a good presiding Elder. Three of his sons entered the ministry, and two of them, Rev. W. H. Winton and Rev. George B. Winton, D.D., survive him. He is buried in the little church yard of Hickory Grove, Mo., where his work began.

REV. JAMES BRAXTON WINTON.

By Rev. W. H. Winton.

> And Love lives on and hath a power to bless
> When they who loved are hidden in the grave.
> —*James Russell Lowell.*

Rev. James Braxton Winton, oldest son of Rev. G. M. Winton, and named in part for his father's first senior preacher, Rev. Braxton McCord Roberts, was born in Green County, Missouri, August 20, 1847. He studied a year or two at Central College, Mo. His work there having been interrupted by sickness, was cut short, and his education was never completed. He largely made up for this lack, by wide and varied reading. He also studied law for a time. Like his father, he was late entering the ministry. He was licensed to preach in 1875, and in the fall of the same year, joined the Southwest Missouri Conference at Neosho. He was ordained Deacon in 1877, and Elder in 1879. Soon after this he was married to Miss Jessie Williams, of Boonville, Mo. He remained in this Conference till 1883, in which year he was transferred to the Pacific Conference, and moved with his young wife and one baby, to the State of California, where his wife and five children still live. In Missouri he served Walker Circuit, Papinsville, Joplin, Lebanon, and some other works. He also spent a year teaching at Muskogee, I. T. In California he was stationed successively at Lakeport, Healdsburg, Plainsburg and Rockville. He was a man of medium size, dark hair, dark eyes and refined features. He was never of robust constitution, and fell a victim to the influenza epidemic of 1890, and, after repeated attacks, died May 8, 1892, just a few months before his father, having not quite completed his forty-fifth year. He was a quiet, undemonstrative man, somewhat hindered in his studies and social contact by defective vision. He preached with deliberation, but always earnestly, expounding the truth clearly and enforcing it with vigor. He was of amiable temper, and absolutely without fear, either physical or moral. His sun set at noon, but he was ready. He was buried at Merced, California.

REV. JOHN CRAWFORD GIVEN.

The Society of the sons of God is a family of brothers, where
Each loves the Father supremely, and his brethren as himself.
—*Dr. Fairbairn.*



Rev. John Crawford Given was born, March 21st, 1845, at Cleek's Mill, Virginia. He is the son of Henry Given and Margaret J. Given, who were members of the Presbyterian Church. He was converted at Green Hill Church, Highland County, Virginia, under the ministry of Rev. Leonidas Butt, Rev. John W. Cowles and Rev. William J. Rieles. His was just a plain, simple conversion of soul, body and spirit by the Holy Ghost in answer to prayer. After his conversion, he at once began to pray in public, to hold family prayers, both morning and evening, to hold prayer meetings, organize Sunday Schools, and visit the sick and pray with them. All these things were the means of a growth in grace in his Christian life, and of a greater love of God and his fellowmen. He was licensed to preach in August, 1876, by the Quarterly Conference of Versailles Circuit; Rev. Charles C. Woods, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Rev. William D. Steward, pastor; at the same time and by the same Quarterly Conference he was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, and he was received into the Annual Conference in October, 1876, at Miami, Saline County, Missouri; Rev. Charles C. Woods, D.D., Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop D. S. Doggett, in September, 1878, at Clinton, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Keener, at Marshall, Missouri, in September, 1880. Brother Given filled the following appointments: California Circuit, three years; Pilot Grove Circuit, four years; Westport and Belton, two years; Belton and Pleasant Hill, one year; Belton and Westport, one year; Belton and Harrisonville, four years; Clinton, four years; Jefferson City, three years; Lexington, four years; Slater, three years; Campbell Street Church, Springfield, Missouri, his last appointment. Brother Given was commissioned by Governor Stephens as Chaplain, Sixth Regiment of Missouri Volunteers, United States Infantry, and was appointed by Bishop Candler to that position. About two thousand persons have been converted and united with the church under his ministry. Two churches and a parsonage have been built under his pastorate. He received his education in the common country schools near his home, and at Todd's Institute, Illinois. He was twice married; his first wife being Miss Mary A. Rieles, to whom he was married, August 19th, 1866, and who died at Harrisonville, Missouri, March 17th, 1890. His second wife was Miss Sevilla C. Carkner, to whom he was married, April 6th, 1892. He was the father of two children living, Mrs. Anna Kate Johnson and Ione Given. One boy died in infancy, James Henry Given. He considers his conversion, his call to the ministry, which call he resisted for ten years, and his yielding to the call to preach in August, 1876, as the most important crisis in his life. Brother Given ceased from labor and entered into rest, April 27th, 1907. He is buried at Harrisonville, Mo.



MR. CROCKETT McDONALD.

We shall be gathered upon the high mountains of Israel,
We shall be within the reach of showers of blessings.
—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*

Mr. Crockett McDonald was born in Wyoming, Virginia. After the death of his father, his mother moved to Livingston County, Missouri. He finished his education at Central College, Fayette, Missouri. When the war broke out, he joined the Confederate army, and was with General Price when he took Lexington, and afterward three or four thousand troops; also in the battles of Pea Ridge, Wilson Creek, and many others, where he fought bravely. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Fayette, Missouri, and always lived a consistent Christian life. He was married at Princeton, Virginia, in 1863, to Miss E. V. Hall, daughter of David Hall and Nancy E. Hall. After the war he moved with his wife, son, John H. McDonald, and adopted son, J. H. Ritter, to Lafayette County, Missouri, where his second son, R. C. McDonald, was born. In 1872, they moved to Kansas, where their daughter, Virginia McDonald, was born, and where, on the 10th of February, 1874, he died of pneumonia. He subscribed for the St. Louis Christian Advocate in 1863, when he was first married, and continued to take it as long as he lived. Since his death, his wife has continued to take it, and expects to do so as long as she lives. Their youngest son, R. C. McDonald, died of pneumonia soon after he graduated from Morrisville College, where he was converted and joined the Methodist-Episcopal Church, South.

REV. JUNIUS TECUMSEA SWANSON.

Wedding the Christian virtues of humility and tenderness
To the natural graces of courtesy and strength.
—*Canon Farrar.*



Rev. Junius Tecumsea Swanson is the son of Alexander S. and Harriett Woody Swanson, both North Carolinians. He was born in Bradley County, Tennessee, March 9, 1867. His parents were Methodists.

He was received into the church at Stony Point on the Chamois Circuit in Osage County, Missouri, by Rev. T. P. Hill, in the spring of 1887. He was taught the things pertaining to godliness from his infancy, and cannot remember the time when he did not trust and reverence God.

He never had that vivid experience from which many people reckon their spiritual life. He prayed for light and guidance, and received them, but there was no sudden breaking up of a hard heart.

Concerning his experience as a Christian, he says: "Since the good day, now nearly twenty years ago, when I took the solemn vows of the church, I have not seen an hour that I could not say 'My heart is fixed;' I have never wavered in my purpose. I am still praying for a more tranquil state of grace, and shall continue. There is no end to the goodness of God, but how feeble is the faith of man."

He was licensed to preach May 24, 1890, by the Quarterly Conference of Chamois Circuit; Rev. T. P. Hill, being Pastor, and Rev. J. M. Clark, Presiding Elder.

He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Quarterly Conference of Chamois Circuit, 1892, and received on trial by the Southwest Missouri Conference which met at Independence in September, 1892. Bishop Galloway, presided, and Rev. J. M. Clark was his Presiding Elder.

He was ordained Deacon in Jefferson City in September, 1894, by Bishop Hendrix, and Elder in Nevada, by Bishop Galloway in September, 1896.

He has served the following charges: Humansville Circuit; Ash Grove Circuit; Seneca Station, and Fair Grove Circuit. Then in the interests of health he transfered to the West Texas Conference, and served Brady Station one year, transfering back to his home Conference in the fall of 1905, and was appointed to Eldorado Springs Station.

He has received into the church, on profession of faith, 165, and by letter, 144, making a total of 309 persons received during his ministry.

While serving Humansville Circuit, a church was erected at Prairie Valley, and, while at Fair Grove, one was built at Pleasant View; also a parsonage was built under his ministry at Brady, Texas.

He received his training at Linn High School, Morrisville College, and Young Harris College, of Young Harris, Georgia. He did not take a degree.

He was married to Miss Lida Crithfield, granddaughter of Rev. Daniel Penny, of the Missouri Conference, December 31, 1895. They have two children, Reuel Crithfield Swanson, and Junia Elizabeth Swanson.

Brother Swanson entered into rest March 19th, 1907, at Corpus Christi, Texas.

REV. SAMUEL HEADLEE.

Life is ever Lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own.
—*Whittier.*



Rev. Samuel Headlee, son of Joel Headlee, was born in Tennessee, but came to Missouri when about ten years of age. He was converted at Ebenezer Church. He was licensed to preach in 1847, and that same year was married to Miss Cynthia Hoover. He was a pupil in the Southwest Missouri High School from 1849 to 1852. As a preacher, he was neither profound nor brilliant, yet he was instructive and practical. Socially, he was pleasant and companionable. There was a vein of dry wit that he had in common with all the Headlees, that gave a spicy turn to his conversation. As a Christian, he was sincere, devout, uniform, faithful and true. As a Methodist, he was pronounced and loyal to his vows and obligations. As a citizen, he was obedient to all laws that did not contravene his duties and obligations to his Lord and Master. Such a man and preacher could not be without influence, and that influence could not be otherwise than helpful to society. He had strong convictions and the courage born of his convictions to do what he deemed to be right. He was made of the stuff of which martyrs are made. The propriety of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, joining in a body the church, North, was discussed in Southwest Missouri in 1865, and strong, able, influential men advised that course. Mr. Headlee set himself against the measure. He made speeches, rallied the people, and begged them to wait further development. At the Conference held in St. Louis in 1865, he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Springfield District. Mr. Headlee went to his district and cautiously, but firmly, entered upon the work of reorganization. The church was reanimated and hope began to revive. He had made an appointment to hold a Quarterly Meeting for Marsfield Circuit at Pleasant View Church, in Webster County, July 28th, 1866. The next morning a mob of twenty armed men gathered early at the church. At the appointed hour Mr. Headlee arrived. He had been informed of threats made against his life, and finding it would be impossible to worship peacably in the church, he proposed to go to a grove, nearly a mile distant, if they would be allowed to do so. When he and his congregation had gotten about half a mile from the church, four of the mob galloped up behind them and one of them rode up to Mr. Headlee's side and shot him three times. They carried him to the home of his sister, where he died at ten o'clock that night, and went up on high to wear a martyr's crown.

REV. LUNSFORD LANE PINNELL.

And seeks for good; and finds the good he seeks.—*Wordsworth.*



Rev. Lundsford Lane Pinnell was born February 3rd, 1848, at Lane's Prairie, Maries County, Missouri. His father, William L. Pinnell, was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his mother, Mary Pinnell, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1869, near the place of his birth, under the ministry of Rev. George Brown of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and united with that church and was a Deacon in it for ten years. His conversion came after ten days' seeking at the altar at each service, and was very clear and satisfactory. He felt called to the ministry at the time of his conversion, but resisted, and finally lost the witness of the Spirit. He was afterwards reinstated in God's favor, and decided to enter the ministry. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Bowles' Chapel, Maries County, in 1885. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of that same church in 1886; was recommended for admission on trial into the Annual Conference by the same Quarterly Conference and in the same year; received on trial into the St. Louis Annual Conference in September, 1886; Bishop H. N. McTyeire, presiding; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix in 1889, at Bonne Terre, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop Galloway at Kirkwood, Missouri, in 1894. His appointments in the St. Louis Conference were as follows: Houston Circuit, Texas County; Sullivan, Franklin County; Pine and Glen Allen, and Birch Tree, in Shannon County; Willow Springs Station, Belle View, Iron County, Farmington Station; Lutesville Circuit, Bollinger County; Bloomfield Station, Stoddard County, and Morley Circuit, Scott County. In the Southwest Missouri Conference, Brother Pinnell has served the following charges: Bates City, Buckner, Rich Hill and Newtonia charges. He built a parsonage during his pastorate at Birch Tree, two churches while on the Lutesville work, and one church while at Pine and Glen Allen. Brother Pinnell is a graduate of the public schools of his native county, and for a time was engaged in the practice of law. On March 1st, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Vina Skaggs, and around them is now gathered a family of eight children. Though educated in the public schools, Brother Pinnell is a strong believer in the church school, and is ever ready to speak strongly for it. In his reading, he goes only to the best books, and mostly to the old standards like Baxter and Dick.

REV. ALLEN HOWARD GODBEY, A. M., PH.D.

> The warm loves and fears that swept over us as clouds, must Lose their finite character and blend with God, to attain their Own perfection.—*Emerson.*

Rev. Allen Howard Godbey was born November 21st, 1864, on the border of Cooper and Pettis Counties, Missouri. He is a son of William C. Godbey and Caroline M. Godbey, both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was converted in 1875, at Independence, Missouri, under the ministry of Rev. C. H. Briggs, D. D. He was licensed to preach at Centenary Church, Kansas City, Missouri, in 1891; Rev. G. C. Rankin, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. E. Godbey, D. D., Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the St. Charls District Conference at Troy, Missouri, in 1895; received into the Southwest Missouri Conference at Webb City, Missouri, in 1895; Bishop W. W. Duncan, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Webb City, Missouri, in 1895; ordained Elder by Bishop Granbery, in 1899, at Neosho, Missouri. He has served the following charges: Russellville Circuit, 1895-1898; Corder and Blackburn, 1898-1899; Principal of Central Academy, 1899-1902; Fellow University of Chicago, 1902-1905; Teacher in Morrisville College, 1905-1906; President Morrisville College, 1906, where he is now located. He obtained his education at Morrisville College, where he graduated with the degree of A. M. in 1883, and from the University of Chicago with the degree of Ph.D. in 1905. He was married to Miss Emma L. Moreland June 16th, 1892, and they have one child, Elizabeth Beulah Godbey.

REV. JONES L. HAGLER.

Religion is the Foundation of solidity of Character.—*Dr. Joseph Parker.*



Jones L. Hagler is the son of John Hagler and Edith T. Hagler, and was born May 26th, 1839, in Wilks County, North Carolina. His parents had been members of the Methodist Church for about sixty-seven years. When he was twelve years old his family moved to Missouri, and settled near Red Oak, Lawrence County. He was converted on the 17th day of August, 1857, at Red Oak, under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Bond and soon after joined the church. His conversion was very satisfactiory and he has never doubted it, but knows more of God now than when he first believed. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Carthage Circuit in 1858; Rev. T. T. Ashbey, Presiding Elder, and Rev. N. B. Peterson, preacher in charge. He was recommeded to the St. Louis Conference for admission on trial in 1859; Rev. W. S. Woodard, pastor; was received into the St. Louis Conference on trial at Independence, Missouri; Rev. Robert Paine, Bishop, and was appointed to Wolf Island Circuit. He was discontinued at his own request in 1860, and entered St. Charles College as a pupil, but his college term was brief, being terminated in 1861 by the war. He was ordained Deacon in 1870, by Bishop E. M. Marvin; was readmitted into the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1871, at its first session, and he is still a member; was ordained Elder in 1875, at Neosho, by Bishop J. C. Keener. He has served the following charges: Pineville Circuit, three years; Greenfield, three years; Springfield, three years; Ash Grove, four years; Bolivar, four years; Morrisville Station, one year; Greenfield Circuit, two years; Marshfield Station, two years; Morrisville, two years; Sprague Circuit, two years; Hume, four years; Moundville, three years, and Buckner, two years. This brought him to 1906, when he superannuated. He has received twenty-eight hundred persons into the church during his ministry. He has built six churches and three parsonages. He was married to Miss Elizabeth McAndrew, April 20th, 1862, and five children have been born unto them, three sons and two daughters, two of whom, a son and a daughter, are now dead. He thinks his decision to give himself wholly to the ministry as the most important crisis in his life. He has been greatly benefited by reading "Personal Salvation," by Dr. Tillett, and "The Personality of the Holy Spirit," by Bishop Hendrix.

CENTENNIAL CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

1. Who are admitted on trial? Isaac Edgar Wood, August B. Swanson, John W. Riley, Alvin J. Gearheard, Will T. Hale, Wesley M. Smith, L. B. Cotterman, and C. B. Cotterman.

2. Who remain on trial? John T. Pritchett, Thomas A. Huffine, Herman D. Huffine, Herbert J. Rand, Ira Karr, J. K. Beery, W. O. Troutman.

3. Who are discontinued? None.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Creed B. Day, James B. Swinney, Isaac A. Smith, Errell H. Orear, Wilbur D. Amack.

5. Who are re-admitted? None.

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? R. W. Shemwell, W D. Amack, J. A. Wailes, J. E. McDonald, S. W. Emory.

7. Who are the deacons of one year? James Clyde Saylor, Samuel Brooks.

8. What traveling preachers are elected Deacons? Creed B. Day, James B. Swinney, Isaac A. Smith, Errell H. Orear, W. O. Troutman, Wilbur D. Amack.

9. What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons? Creed B. Day, James B. Swinney, Isaac A. Smith.

10. What local preachers are elected Deacons? Walter Prophett, Harry P. Jones, H. D. Huffine, T. A. Huffine, W. M. Smith, C. B. Cotterman, L. B. Cotterman.

11. What local preachers are ordained Deacons? H. D. Huffine, T. A. Huffine, W. M. Smith, C. B. Cotterman, L. B. Cotterman, Walter Prophett.

12. What traveling preachers are elected Elders? Charles F. Pryor, William H. Hargrove, Granville C. Loch, Byron A. McKnight.

13. What traveling preachers are ordained Elders? Charles F. Pryor, William H. Hargrove, Granville C. Loch, Byron A. McKnight.

14. What local preachers are elected Elders? C. W. Litchfield.

15. What local preachers are ordained Elders? C. W. Litchfield.

16. Who are located this year? S. O. Borland, A. B. Appleby, A. R. Williams.

17. Who are supernumerary? Samuel Lopp, C. W. Scarritt, G. L. Coffman.

18. Who are superannuated? Milton Adkisson, J. W. Bond, W. T. Gill, J. D. Landreth, J. F. Pike, W. D. Stewart, W. S. Woodard, J. Tillery, W. L. McGuire, J. A. Mathews, M. Bahrenburg, J. P. Caldwell, J. L. Hagler, J. G. L. Mitchell, J. C. Shackelford, L. H. Vandiver, J. T. Loyall, W. B. Morgan, W. G. Pike, A. L. Houston, J. L. D. Blevans, W. T. Eastwood, Joseph King, W. M. McAllister, Joab Spencer, W. N. Watts, H. D. Hogan, C. W. Thorpe, J. C. Coss, Samuel Brooks.

19. What preachers have died during the year? John Y. Busby, J. T. Barnaby.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? The characters of all the preachers were duly passed.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 95; members, 34,977.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? Three hundred and one.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? One thousand, four hundred and eighty-eight.

24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? One hundred and sixty-two.

25. What is the number of Epworth League members? Four thousand, nine hundred and seventy-seven.

26. What is the number of Sunday Schools? Three hundred and fourteen and a half.

27. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? Two thousand, seven hundred and seven.

28. What is the number of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the year? Twenty-five thousand, three hundred and fifty-four.

29. What amount was assessed by the last conference for the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers? Five per cent of salaries.

30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Five thousand, five hundred and fifty-eight dollars and ninety-six cents.

31. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, $7,617.91; domestic, $5,853.05.

32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? Two thousand, six hundred and eight dollars and sixty-five cents.

33. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? Three hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-four cents.

34. What has been contributed fos the support of Presiding Elders and Preachers in Charge? Presiding Elders, $11,198.70; Preachers in Charge, $85,698.40.

35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? One thousand, two hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixty-five cents.

36. What is the number of societies and houses of worship owned by them? Societies, 397; houses of worship, 365 5-6.

37. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, $998,077; indebtedness, $33,716.25.

38. What is the number of pastoral charges and of parsonages owned by them? Charges, 149; parsonages, 126.

39. What is the value of parsonages and what is the indebtedness thereon? Value, $169,285; indebtedness, $10,026.88.

40. What is the number of districts and of district parsonages? Districts, 7; parsonages, none.

41. What is the value of district parsonages and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, ———; indebtedness, $———.

42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what is the amount of damage? Number damaged, 8; amount of damages, $3,297.50.

43. What are the insurance statistics? Insurance carried, $446,075; losses, $3,297.50; premiums, $2,176.58; collections, $283.50.

44. What are the educational statistics? See report Board of Education.

45. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Independence, Mo.

46. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

CENTENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION—SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

Your Board desires to call attention to this great institution of our Methodism, believing that our State has never taken advantage of the wonderful privileges here afforded as it should. While there is a general conception of the purpose and work of the Training School in preparing missionaries for their fields of labor, specific attention needs to be given to the thought that here efficient workers for our local churches may be trained. The great and recognized need of trained workers in every church and community should prompt us to fill the Training School with our young ladies that they may be fitted for present and future responsibilities.

The fourteenth session of the Training School was the best, from every point of view, in the history of the institution. Sixty-five pupils were enrolled, representing fourteen states and seven denominations. Georgia sent the largest representation—14 students. Missouri was represented by eleven students. Two of these are Foreign Missionary candidates, who will graduate next May. Both are living within the bounds of the Southwest Missouri Conference; Miss Alma Jones, Webb City, Mo., and Miss Emma Steger, Mountain Grove, Mo. We urge the claims of this great Institution upon the churches of this Conference and ask for the loyal support it merits. We should appreciate the fact that the Training School is located within the bounds of our Conference and derive increased blessings from the trained and consecrated women sent forth to serve not only as home and Foreign missionaries and deaconesses, but as Bible teachers and Christian workers in our local churches.

CENTRAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

This Institution, for the higher education of the young women of Missouri, sustains the same relation to our Conference and people as Central College at Fayette, Missouri. Centrally located, with a campus of nearly fifty acres, with a plant modern and up-to-date, worth $120,000, with a strong faculty, this school is capable of doing high grade work in every particular. The past year was eminently successful and the present year bids fair to be the best in its history. $40,000 have been expended for improvements.

We endorse the plan of the Board of Curators to increase the number of its members so as to have an equal representation from each of the three Missouri Conferences. We recommend the election of the following Curators: W. B. Palmore, L. D. Murrell, J. F. Groves, H. B. McDaniel, C. W. Moore, E. M. Taubman.

We commend the administration of Rev. A. F. Smith, the President, and rejoice in his zeal, wisdom and fitness for this great work. We pledge him our hearty and loyal support.

MORRISVILLE COLLEGE.

We are greatly pleased with the report of this school for the past year. With Dr. A. H. Godbey at the head of possibly the strongest faculty in the history of the institution and the rapid development of the great Southwest, we logically expect larger success and greater prosperity for the College. Last year the enrollment reached the 265 mark. The heroic efforts of President Godbey have resulted in the extinction of the debt of nearly $5,000; by cash subscriptions and other provisions all indebtedness has been provided for. This is not only a source of gratification, but is productive of inspiring hopefulness for the future. The present school year opens with an enrollment of 172 students. We extend President Godbey a cordial welcome to all our charges in his work for the school. In view of the present needs for equipment, we recommend an assessment of $1,000.00 for Morrisville for the coming year.

We recommend the election of the following as Curators—for three years: W. P. Buckner, Bert S. Lee, J. S. Robertson, M. C. Early, J. C. Given.



WESTERN CONFERENCE—BISHOP W. W. DUNCAN, PRESIDING BISHOP.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.



WHITE CHURCH.

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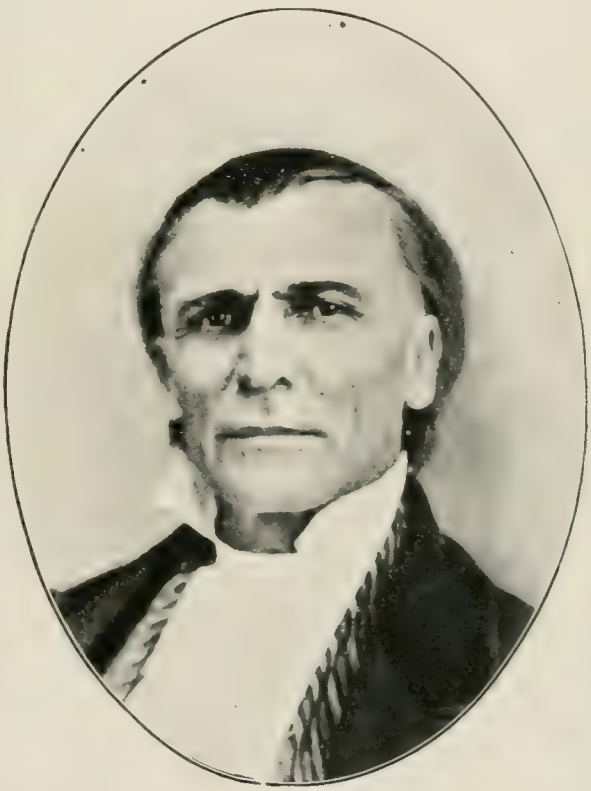
WESTERN DISTRICT—J. E. ALEXANDER, PRESIDING ELDER.

Kansas City, Kansas.....A. N. James
Rosedale and Belview.....
.....Supplied by C. W. Litchfield
Wyandotte Circuit.....J. W. Payne
Oskaloosa Circuit.....To be supplied
Julian Circuit.....To be supplied
Fairmount Circuit.....G. C. Loch
Holton Circuit.....H. J. Miller
Kickapoo and Potter...A. C. Clendening
Effingham Circuit.....
.....To be supplied by C. C. Howard
Atchison.....J. A. Jared
Council Grove.Supplied by F. M. Hayes
Kelso Circuit.....W. A. Brewer
Augusta.....B. F. Coburn
Arkansas City Circuit...To be supplied
Elk City Circuit.Supplied by W. E. Tull
Bucyrus and Stillwell....T. C. Puckett
Hillsdale Circuit.....G. M. Blain
Corbin Circuit..Supplied by R. F Lyon
Bronson Circuit.....Ira Karr

MR. CHARLES BARNETT.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness.
—*Jesus.*

By W. S. Harrison.



Charles Barnett was born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, November 28th, 1800. He was a son of Joel Barnett, who, entering the Revolutionary Army at the age of fourteen, came out a captain at the age of twenty-one. Captain Barnett married Miss Mildred Meriwether, a lady of most excellent personal qualities. The subject of the sketch was educated in Franklin College, Athens, Georgia, during the presidency of Dr. Wadell. One of his associates in this school was the son of the president, afterwards Dr. John Wadell, for a time Chancellor of the University of Mississippi. Another was Dr. John Gray, President of LaGrange College, Tennessee. While at this school he was happily converted and joined the Presbyterian Church, but later when he studied theology in earnest for himself, he could in no wise receive the doctrines of Calvin, and at once became an ardent member of the Methodist Church. In early life he was married to Miss Eliza Williams Gresham. The union was a happy one. Both families were originally from Virginia with tastes and pursuits very similar. About the year 1835, Mr. Barnett settled in the rich prairie belt in Noxubee County, Mississippi. Here he lived for nearly a half century. By temporate habits, frugal expenditures and commendable attention to business, he accumulated quite a fortune. More than a hundred slaves were freed and his property otherwise largely swept away by the great war. Mr. Barnett was a reader of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, and a great admirer of Dr. W. B. Palmore. Mr. Barnett was one of the noblest men I have ever known. The current of his religious life was deep and constant. A man of prayer, he took time to pray, time to commune with God, time to be religious. His character was developed and finished by his relation to God. He was a true man; true to himself; true to God; true to his fellows. His character was modeled by the teachings of the New Testament; the Golden Rule being the chief guiding star. In financial matters, he was scrupulously exact; honest in that higher sense, going beyond the mere letter of obligation to the Golden Rule of equity. Mr. Barnett was liberal with his means. The circuit was barely able to subsist. In the hard years following the war, when he was poor, he continued to pay one hundred dollars a year, and sometimes rather than have the charge fall short, he paid as high as one hundred and seventy-five dollars annually for the support of the ministry. The last ten years of his life he lived with us in Starkville, Mississippi, in the care of his daughter, Mrs. Harrison. He died October 25th, 1890, one month short of ninety years of age.



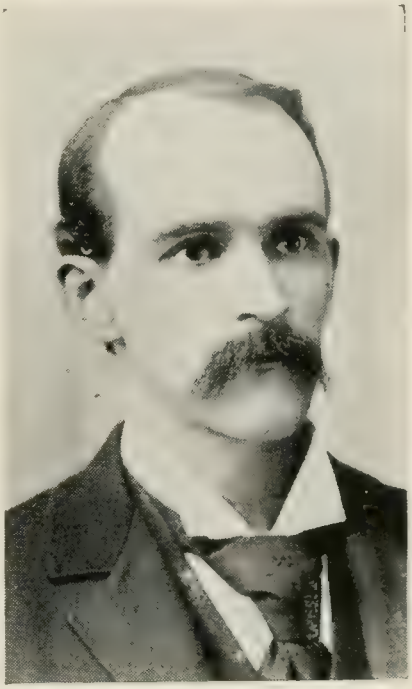
REV. GEORGE M. BLAINE.

This is the Reward of the faithful servant of Christ; the grace He has diligently used is increased, and his opportunities Continually multiply.—*Dr. Marcus Dods.*

Rev. George M. Blaine, son of J. H. Blaine and Amanda E. Blaine, both members of the Missionary Baptist Church, was born June 12th, 1875. He was converted in October, 1895, under the ministry of Rev. A. B. Appleby, and joined the church at that time at Calhoun, Mo. He was converted under an old elm tree about half way between Calhoun, Missouri, and Windsor, Missouri. He was licensed to preach June 2nd, 1898, at Springfield, Missouri, by the Springfield District Conference; Rev. J. F. Robb, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. B. Ellis, Presiding Elder; recommended by the Annual Conference for admission on trial by the Atchison District Conference in April, 1901; received into the Annual Conference on trial in 1901; Rev. T. C. Downs, Presiding Elder, and Bishop W. A. Candler, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, September 7th, 1902, at Arkansas City, Kansas; ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, August 27th, 1905, at Kansas City, Kansas. He supplied Altona Circuit in Missouri one year, then joined the Western Conference and served Kelso, Kansas, three years; now at Hillsdale, Kansas, where he is serving his third year. Ninety-seven persons have united with the church under his ministry. His education was received at Morrisville College. He was married to Miss Mary L. Horner, October 17th, 1900, and they have one boy, Charles Rudolph Blaine. The most important crisis in his life was to surrender to the call to the ministry.

REV. THOMAS CARLISLE PUCKETT.

By faith a future supersedes a present pleasure.—*Dr. Frederick W. Robertson.*



Rev. Thomas Carlisle Puckett was born in Chester, South Carolina, April 27th, 1858. He is a son of Rev. Niles Puckett and Nancy E. Puckett. They were both Methodists. His father was for forty-one years a minister, twenty years being a member of the South Carolina Conference. He was converted in Trickem, Georgia, under his father's ministry, in 1870, and joined the church soon after. His father was holding revival services at the time for the special interest of his school. He went to the altar and remained until God heard and answered prayer. He was taught from earliest recollection to read the Bible and to pray. By so continuing he has grown in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord. He was licensed to preach in Atlanta, Georgia, by the Paynes Chapel charge, Rev. J. M. Bowden, preacher in charge, and Rev. H. H. Parks, Presiding Elder; was recommended by the same Quarterly Conference to the Annual Conference, October 7th, 1889; and was received into the Annual Conference in November, 1889; Rev. J. M. Bowden, preacher in charge, and Rev. H. H. Parks, Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix, October 7th, 1888; ordained Elder by Bishop Joseph S. Key, September 28th, 1890, at Clinton, Missouri. He has served the following charges: Pleasant Hill, 1887-1888; Maynesville, 1888-1889; South Greenfield, 1889-1890; Montevallo, 1890-1891; Sheldon, 1891-1893; Hume, 1893-1896; Versailles, 1896-1897; Sweet Springs, 1897-1899; Bates City, 1899-1900; Lamont and Dresden, 1900-1902; Butler, 1902-1904; Council Grove, 1904-1906; Bucyrus and Stilwell, 1906-1907. He is now building a parsonage at Bucyrus, Kansas. He was graduated from Trickem Academy, in Georgia, under his father's presidency. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Cynthy S. Kingham, to whom he was married in 1879. His second wife was Miss Luella F. Dameron, to whom he was married in June, 1887. The names of his children are Niles Puckett, Roy G. Puckett, T. G. Puckett, Leta Puckett, Lillian S. Puckett, Mary C. Puckett and Walker C. Puckett. He says that possibly the surrender of a good lucrative position for the meager support of the ministry has been the most important crisis in his life. Wesley's Sermons, Ralston's Elements of Divinity and Pilgrim's Progress are among the books which have helped him in his Christian life. He was reared by as good parents as any boy ever had. He was proud of his father and mother, and for such a home he will always rejoice.

REV. ALONZO CUTHBERT CLENDENING.

The Life of the Church is Love; the Love of God and the souls Of men.—*Bishop Marvin.*



Rev. Alonzo Cuthbert Clendening, son of James L. Clendening and Nancy A. Clendening, was born in Dorchester County, Maryland, April 14th. 1857. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. When he was very young his parents moved to Caroline County, Maryland, and from there to Clinton County, Illinois. He was converted at Pippin's church in Caroline County, Maryland, in 1867, and joined the church at the same time. He was only a child, and having been brought up in a Christian home, it was not hard for him to give his heart to God and love and serve Him. He is striving each year to be a better man and each day prays for more of God's love and for a pure and holy life that he may be more efficient in the work of the Master. He was licensed to preach in September, 1887, by the Quarterly Conference of Pana District, Illinois; Rev. John F. Hensley, preacher in charge, and Rev. Thomas R. Ward, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of Salem District, Illinois; Rev. C. C. Mayhew, Presiding Elder. He was received into the Annual Conference in 1888, at Rushville, Schuyler County, Illinois; Rev. C. C. Mayhew, Presiding Elder, and Bishop H. N. McTyeire, presiding; ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Murphysboro, Illinois, September 21st, 1890; ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Keener, October 20th, 1892, at Pana, Illinois. He has served the following charges: Rinard Circuit, Hayworth and Mansfield, Pana Station, Ramsey Circuit, Sherman Circuit, Geneva Circuit, Odin Circuit, Salem Circuit, Altamont Circuit, Dix Circuit,, Mt. Sterling Circuit, Orville Circuit, Colonia Circuit, Bronson Circuit, Hillsdale Circuit, Elk City Circuit, Kickapoo Circuit. Three hundred and three persons have united with the church under his ministry. He received his education at the High School in Carlyle, Illinois; Iola, Kansas; Paola, Kansas, and Ft. Scott, Kansas. He was married to Miss Henrietta M. Stitt, September 21st, 1893, and they have had four children, two of whom are now dead, and the two living are Anna May Clendening and Cuthbert Clendining. Some of the books which have been most helpful to him have been "The Life of Christ," "The Saints Rest," "Watson's Institutes," "Smith's Elements of Divinity," "Wesley's Sermons" and others.



REV. JOHN OAKES FORESMAN.

Great are the riches of Thy House, and wondrous the lights
Which play upon our life as we wait upon Thee in the sanctuary.
—Dr. Joseph Parker.

Rev. John Oakes Foresman was born in 1835, and at five years of age moved with his parents from Pennsylvania to Ohio. He was educated in the common schools and finished his education at the Western Reserve Seminary at Farmington, Ohio. He was converted at Girard, Ohio, in his seventeenth year and was appointed class-leader, but resisted the call to the ministry. During a severe illness while in the West, the call to the ministry came to him with renewed energy, and he promised the Lord that if his life was spared he would give it to the ministry; he recovered, but went to selling goods to the Kickapoo Indians. While eating dinner at the home of N. T. Shales, a minister from Missouri by the name of Rev. Talbot, a man he had never seen before, looked him in the face and said, "Young man, have you not run away from the Gospel?" In a few days Rev. Thomas Wallace held his Quarterly Conference composed of Delaware Indians, and he was licensed to preach by that Conference; he was recommended for admission to the Kansas Mission Conference which met at Shawnee, Bishop Early presiding; he was appointed to Grasshopper Circuit under Rev. E. S. Arrington; at his second appointment at Grantsville, a revival broke out that practically reached the entire neighborhood. In 1859 he was appointed to Big Blue Circuit; he found three appointments, but before the year ended he had twenty-eight and the Circuit was estimated to be three hundred miles in circumference. In 1860 he and Rev. William Bradfer were sent as missionaries to the Rocky Mountains and he was appointed to Central City, which had a population of twenty-five hundred without a woman or child in the place. He preached the first sermon and organized the first church in the place. He crossed the plains in his buggy, being, so far as known, the first man that ever crossed these plains alone. In 1869 he was transferred to California and appointed to Stockton; in 1865 he was appointed to Mariposa; in 1869 was chaplain on a line of steamers running from San Francisco to New York by way of Nicaraugua. He returned to Kansas and filled the following appointments: Leavenworth, Mexico, Missouri, Kansas City and Council Grove; while at Council Grove he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and served Council Grove, Auburn, Topeka, Valley Falls, Burlingame, Horton, Council Grove and Womego, when he located and again united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He is now serving in Council Grove, where he has for the tenth time been appointed as pastor.

REV. JAMES ALEXANDER JARED.

Prove to me only the least command of God is God's indeed,
And what injunction shall I need to pay obedience?
— *Robert Browning.*



Rev. James Alexander Jared was born May 12th, 1864, in Hamilton County, Illinois. He is the son of Moses A. Jared and Maranda J. Jared, both of whom were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. When he was about two years old he removed with his parents to Putnam County, Tennessee, where he grew to manhood. He was converted in Old Pleasant Grove church, in Putnam County, Tennessee, September 8th, 1897, and was received into the church during the same meeting under the ministry of Rev. N. B. S. Owens. He had been under conviction and at the altar for prayer, but was at work in the field when he resolved to get religion that night, if possible, so with that end in view he went to church and to the altar and was soon saved. For the first few years of his religious life, his growth in grace was retarded on account of his not entering actively into church work. While attending an annual conference in Butler County, Kansas, he re-consecrated himself to God and began to do active work for the Master. Since then he has gradually grown in grace and in the knowledge and love of God. He was licensed to preach March 27th, 1886, by the Quarterly Conference of Morrisville Station, Southwest Missouri Conference; Rev. W. H. Winton, preacher in charge, and Rev. J. B. Ellis, Presiding Elder. He was recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of Willard Circuit in August, 1887, and was received into the Annual Conference on trial in the fall of 1887; Rev. L. W. Pearce, Presiding Elder, and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Granbery, October 6th, 1889, at Marshall, Missouri; ordained Elder by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, September 20th, 1891, at Sedalia, Missouri. Brother Jared has served the following charges Junior preacher on Bois D'Arc Circuit, one year; Mt. Vernon Circuit, one year; Southwest City Circuit, one year; Monett and Sarcoxie, three years; Nelson and Saline City, two years; Lamonte Station, one year; Pierce City, two years; Monett, one year; Houstonia and Herndon, two years; Buckner Circuit, one year; Lincoln Circuit, two years; Garden City, one year; Ash Grove, one year; he is now serving his first year at Atchison, Kansas. About one thousand persons have been converted and received into the church under his ministry. His education was obtained at the public schools both in Tennessee and Kansas, and at Morrisville College. He was married to Miss Lillian E. Wilcox, December 27th, 1894, and they have three boys, Marvin W. Jared, Daniel Wade Jared and Porter A. Jared. He says the time when he resolved to become an active worker for the Lord and enter the ministry has been possibly the most important crisis in his life. Brother Jared has been quite successful in his work and the Lord has given him many souls as the result of his efforts. He feels a strong inclination for the evangelistic work, and, like his Lord, has a desire to go about doing good.



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